



# Overview

## Property based Techniques for Process and Product Design

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# My Background

- **Background**

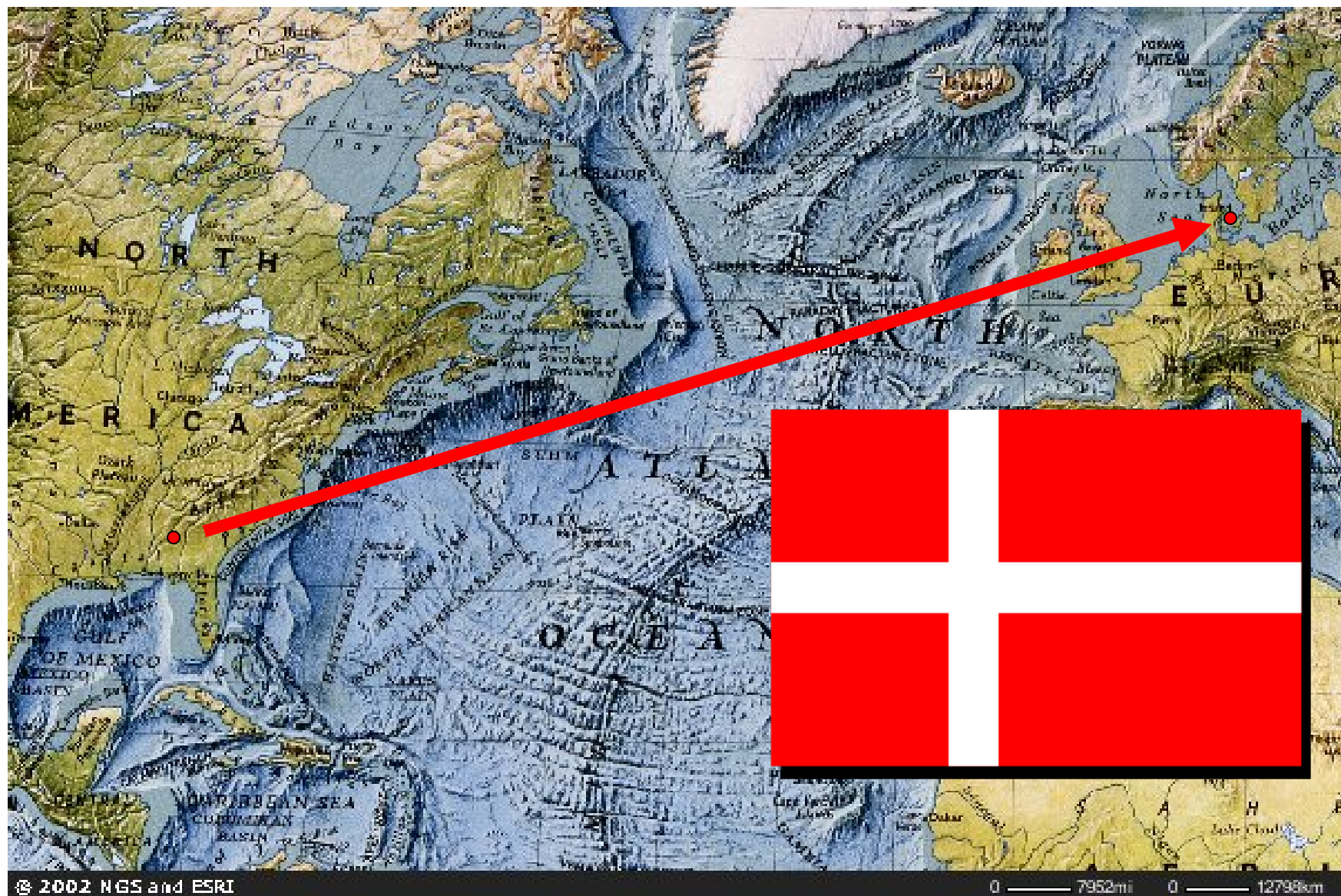
- M.Sc. (Chem. Eng.), Tech. Uni. of Denmark (1999)
- Ph.D. (Chem. Eng.), Tech. Uni. of Denmark (2003)

- **Professional Experience**

- Associate Professor, Auburn University (2008 – present)
- Assistant Professor, Auburn University (2004 – 2008)
- Visiting Lecturer, Auburn University (2002 – 2003)



# Where is Denmark?







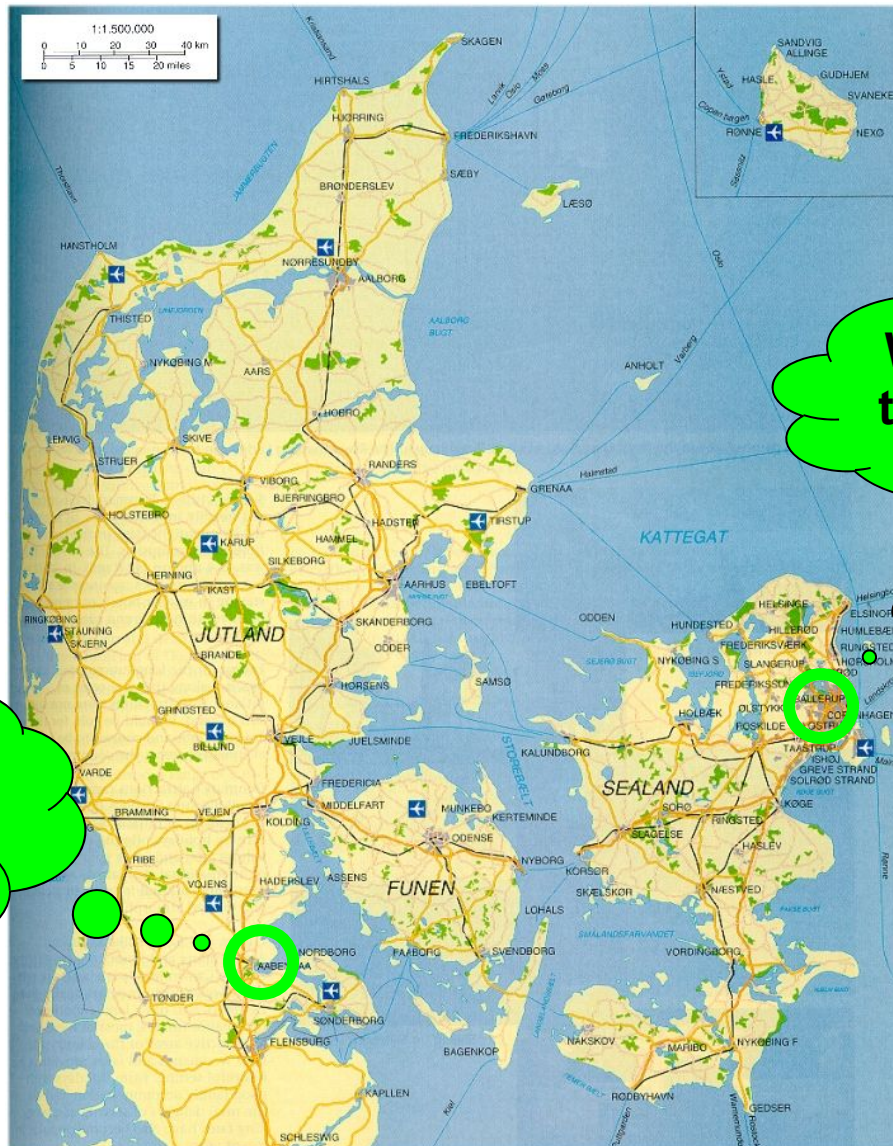
# A Few Facts about Denmark

Constitutional Monarchy

A little smaller than the state of Alabama (not including Greenland)

Population approximately 5500000.

National sport – SOCCER!



My hometown

Where I moved to go to college





# My Research Interests

- **Computer Aided Process Engineering**
  - Property prediction & CAMD for solvent selection/design
  - Process modeling and simulation
- **Process/Product Synthesis and Design**
  - Develop novel efficient methods for emerging problems
  - Develop strategies for simultaneous solution
  - Systematic identification/generation of alternatives
- **Process Integration and Optimization**
  - Application of holistic methods to ensure sustainability
  - Fuels reforming and biorefinery optimization



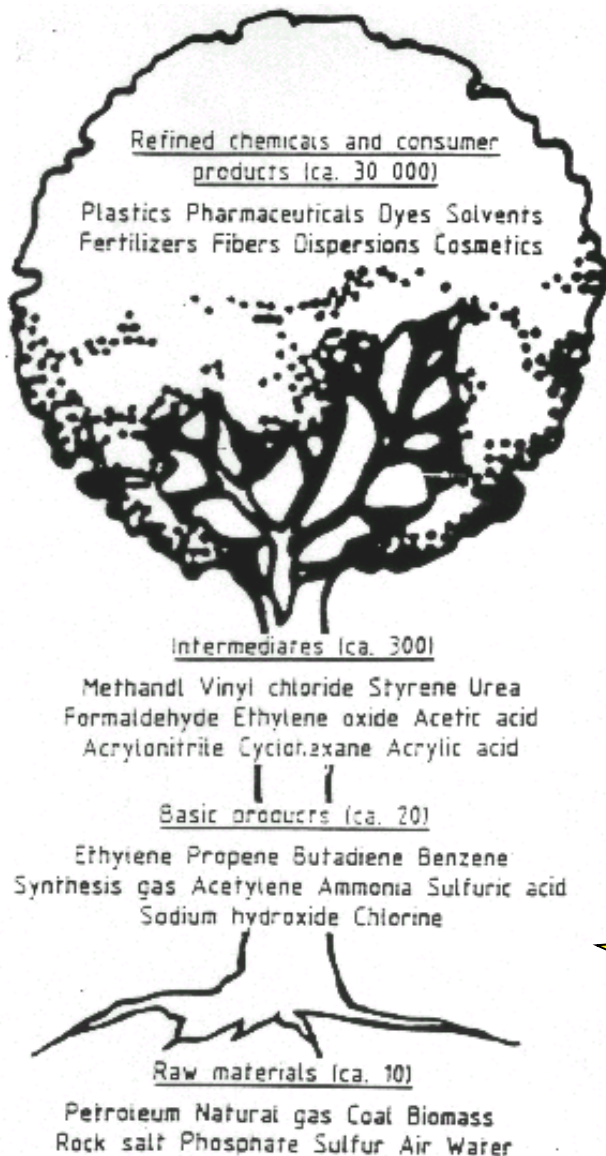
# Challenges and Motivation



## Design Objectives – Identify:

- Important fruits (products)
- Optimal path to reach them
- Feasibility of the process
- Control structure
- Ressource conservation strategies
- Environment, health and safety issues

**Highly complex problems  
due to interactions  
between them!!**







# General Design Problem 1:2

## Process/Product Synthesis/Design Problem

$$F_{\text{OBJ}} = \min\{C^T \cdot y + f(x)\}$$

$$\text{s.t. } h_1(x, y) = 0$$

$$h_2(x, y) = 0$$

$$g_1(x) > 0$$

$$g_2(x, y) > 0$$

$$B \cdot y + C \cdot x > d$$

- Objective Function
- Process/Product Model
- Equality and Inequality Constraints
- Structural Constraints

### Conventional Solutions

- A. Heuristic/knowledge-based**  
Satisfy only the constraints.  
Generates feasible solutions.
- B. Mathematical Optimization**  
Solve the objective function  
including the process model



# General Design Problem 2:2

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## Hybrid Solution Approach

- I. Define search space through heuristic or knowledge-based approach (**A**).
- II. Solve well defined optimization problem (**B**).

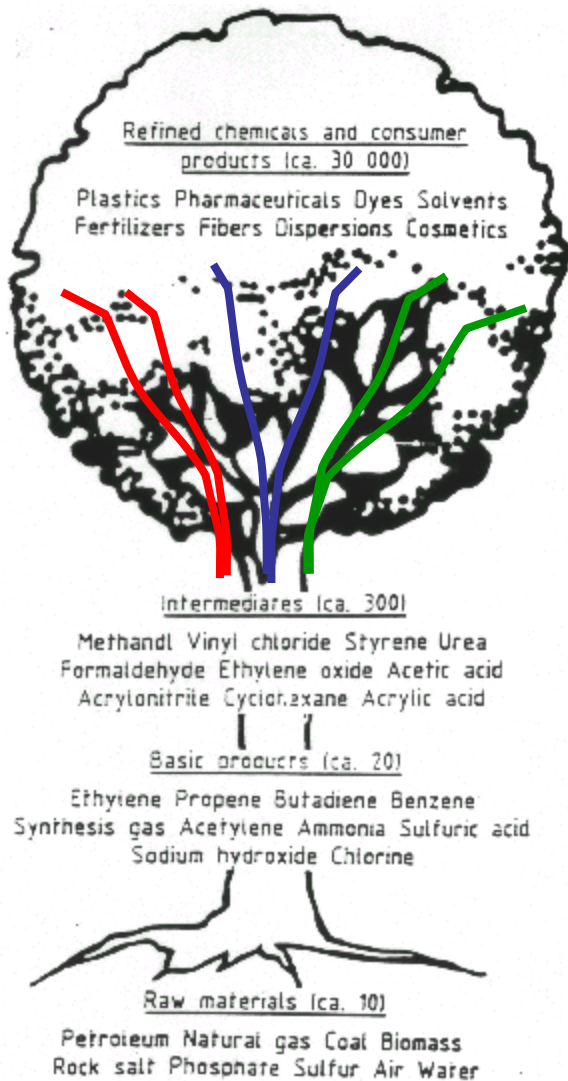
### IMPORTANT

Regardless of problem type a process model is needed and it is the model type and validity ranges that defines the application range of the solution.





# Roles of Property Models 1:3



## Constitutive Model

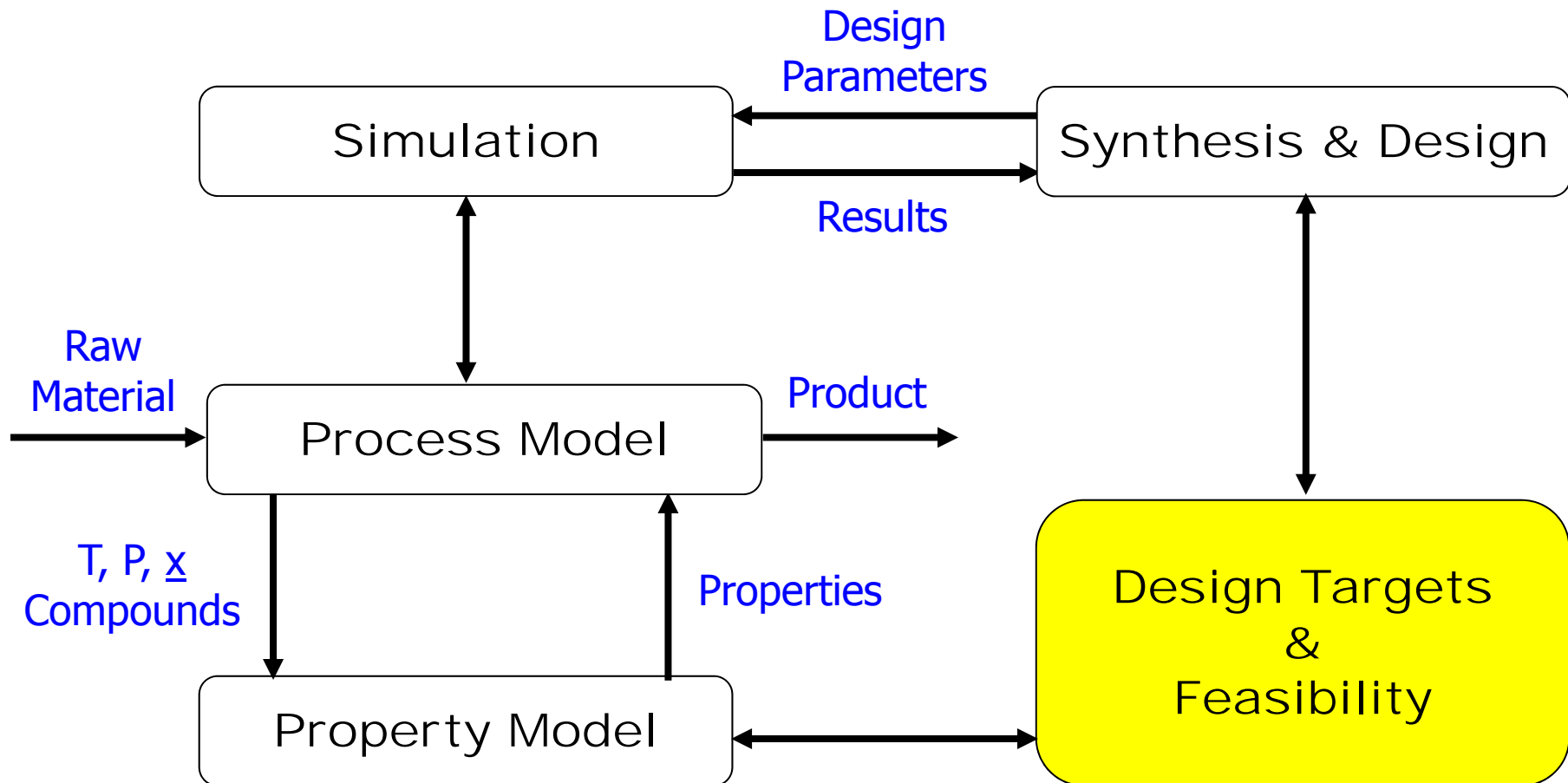
## Constitutive Model

## Constitutive Model

- ❖ Choice of a constitutive model implicitly defines the search space
- ❖ Do we know enough to derive a single model?
- ❖ Can we solve simulation and/or optimization problems with multiple constitutive models representing the same variable?



# Roles of Property Models 2:3

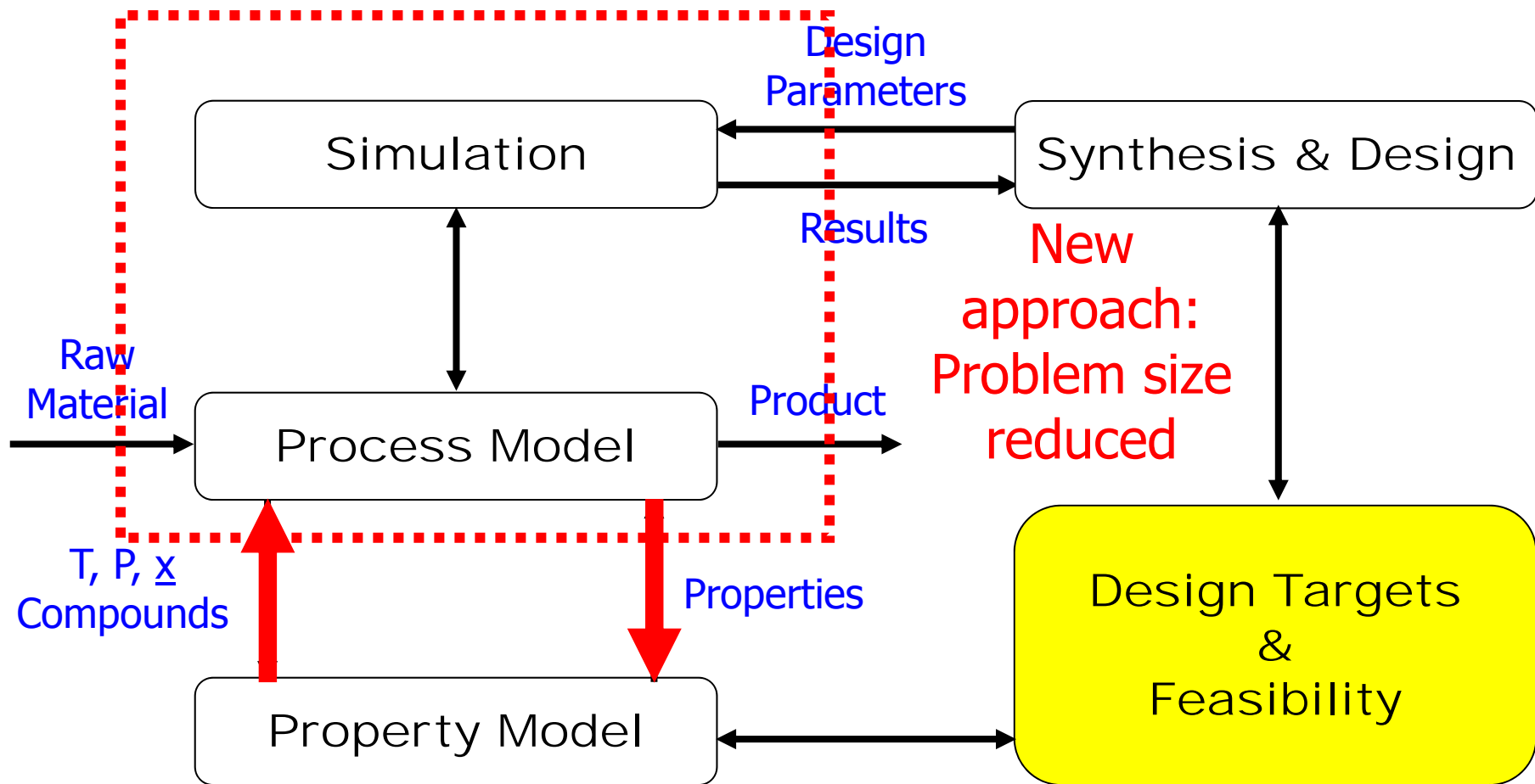


**1. Service Role for Process Model**

**2. Service & Advice Role for Process Model**



# Roles of Property Models 3:3



**Compounds needed only by property model**  
**Service, Advice & Solve Role for Process Model**



# Targeted Design Techniques

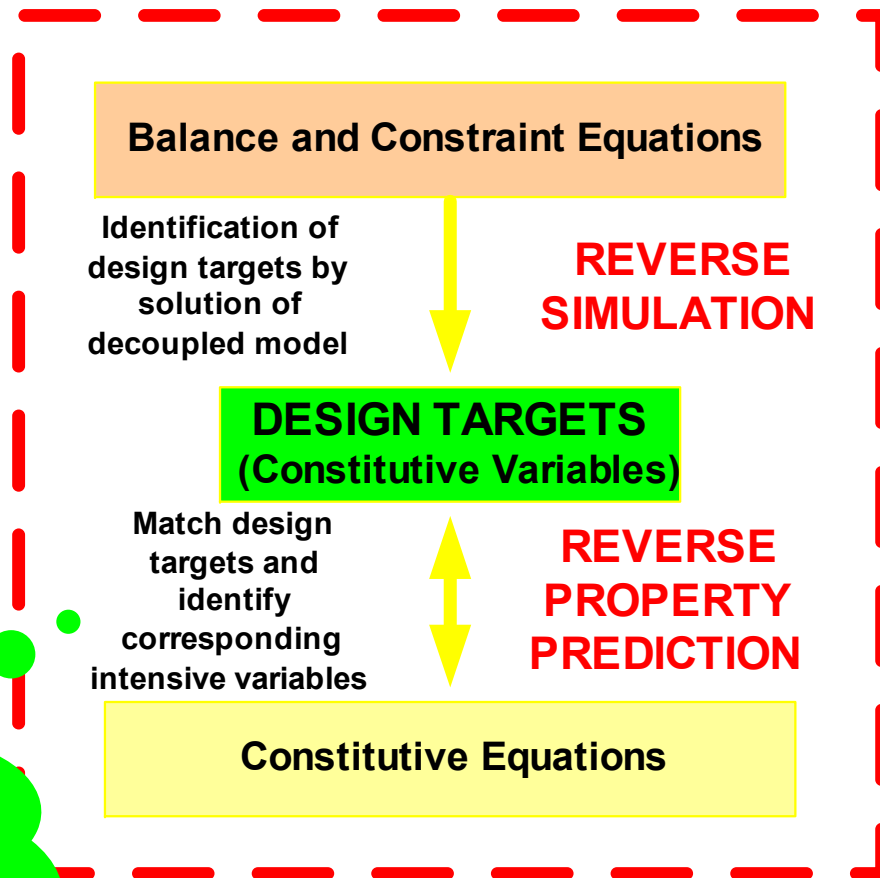
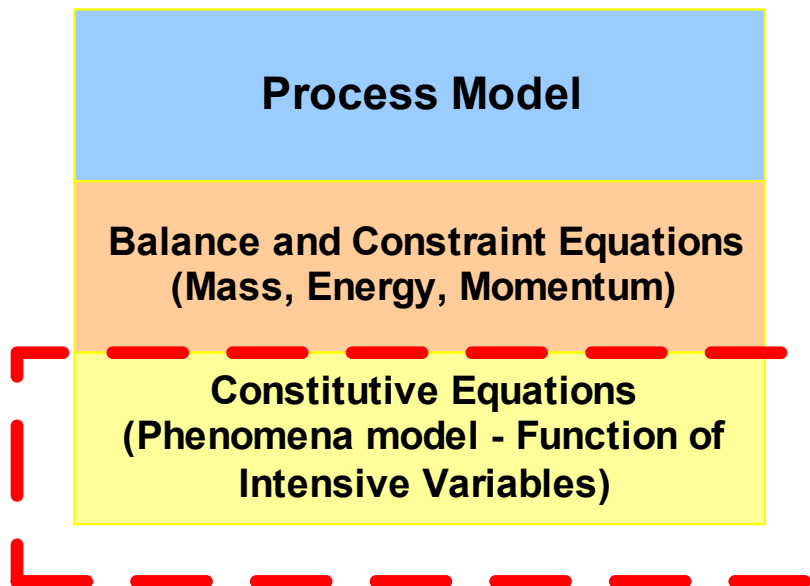


- **Reverse Problem Formulation Methodology**
  - Computationally efficient solution strategy
  - Targets optimal solution prior to complex calculations
  - Capable of identifying all alternatives
  - Framework enables optimum use of all model details
  - Relieves inherently iterative nature of design





# Reverse Problem Formulation



As long as the targets are matched, the balance equations are also satisfied and do NOT need to be solved again



# Property Based Design



- **Why Design Based on Properties?**

- Many processes driven by properties NOT components
- Performance objectives often described by properties
- Often objectives can not be described by composition
- Product/molecular design is based on properties
- Insights hidden by not integrating properties directly

- **Property Clusters**

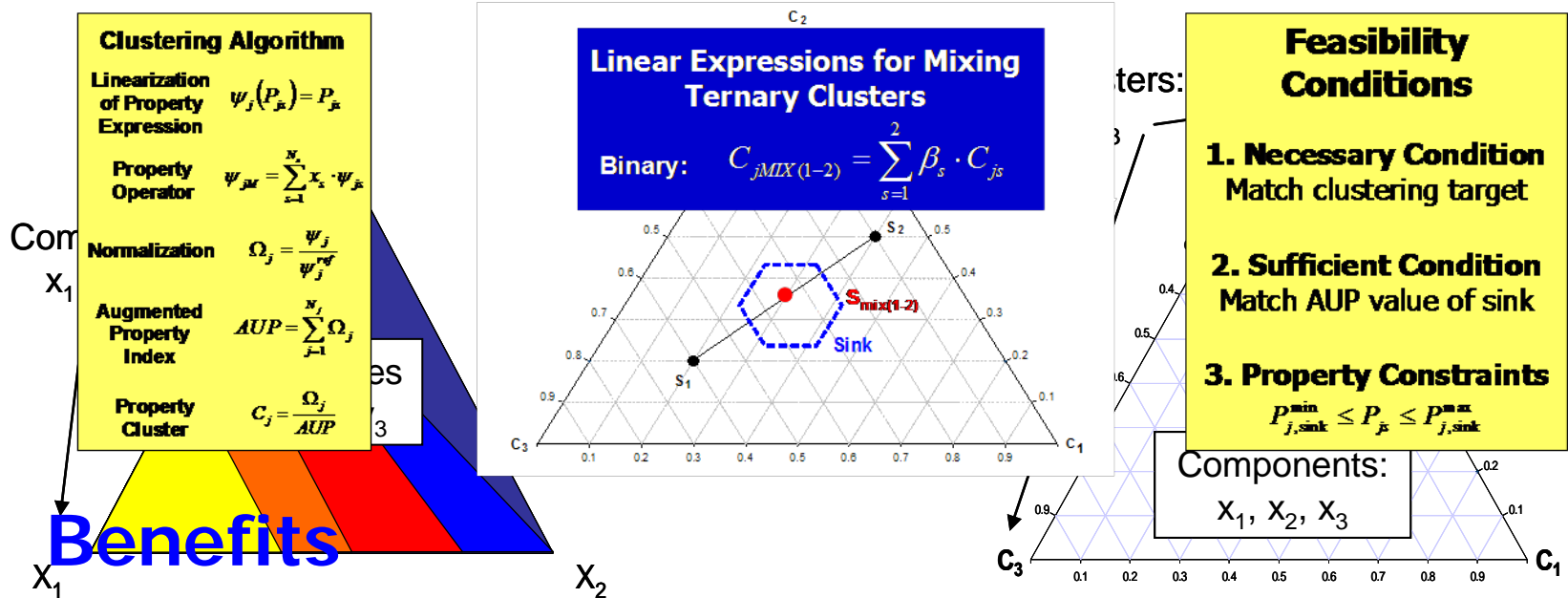
- Extension to existing composition based methods
- Reduces dimensionality of problem
- Enables visualization of problem
- Property estimation in molecular design via GC
- Unifying framework for simultaneous solution



# Methods

## • Property Clustering

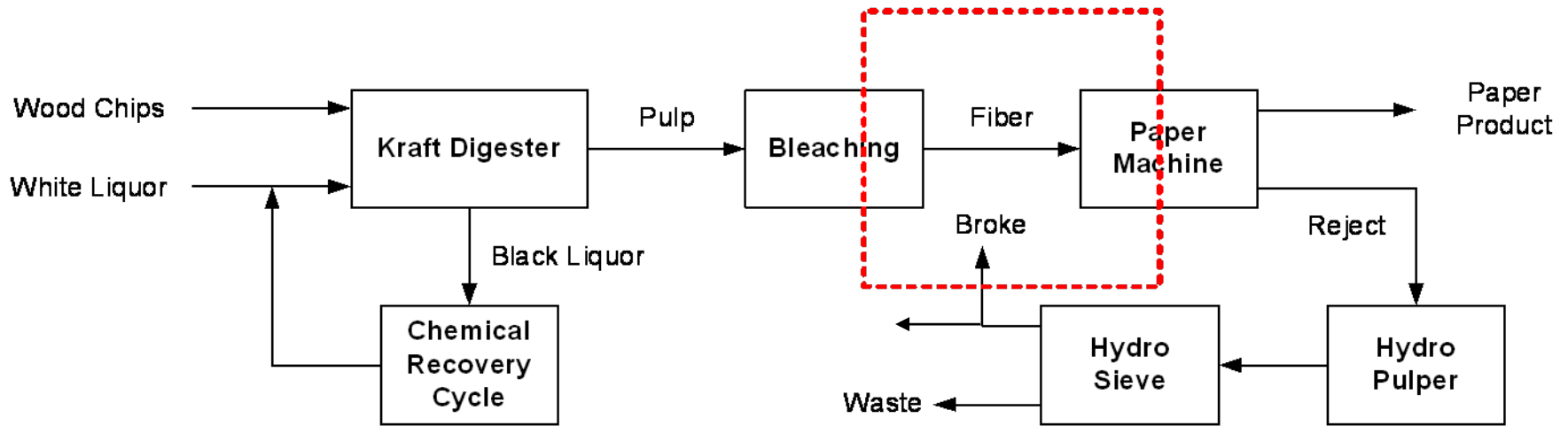
- Conserved surrogate properties described by property operators, which have linear mixing rules, even if the operators themselves are nonlinear
- Deconstructs the design problem into a Euclidean vector in the cluster domain and a scalar called the Augmented Property Index (AUP)



- Provides the ability to link different scales
- Can handle combinatorial intensive problems
- Universal in application



# Example 1: Process Design



## Stream Characterization

1. Objectionable Material (OM)
2. Absorption coefficient ( $k$ )
3. Reflectivity ( $R_{\infty}$ )

## Given Information

1. Property and flow data for fibers and broke
2. Paper machine feed condition constraints





# Papermaking Fiber Recycle 1:3



Property	Operator	Fibers	Broke	Paper machine
OM (mass fraction)	OM	0.000	0.115	0.00 – 0.02
$k$ (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	$k$	0.0012	0.0013	0.00115 – 0.00125
$R_{\infty}$	$(R_{\infty})^{5.92}$	0.82	0.90	0.80 – 0.90
Flowrate (ton/hr)	-----	100	30	100 - 105

**Minimum Fiber Usage**  
Assuming full recycle and interception capabilities, the minimum fiber usage will be 70 ton/hr

- Solution Strategies**
1. Direct recycle
  2. Interception and recycle

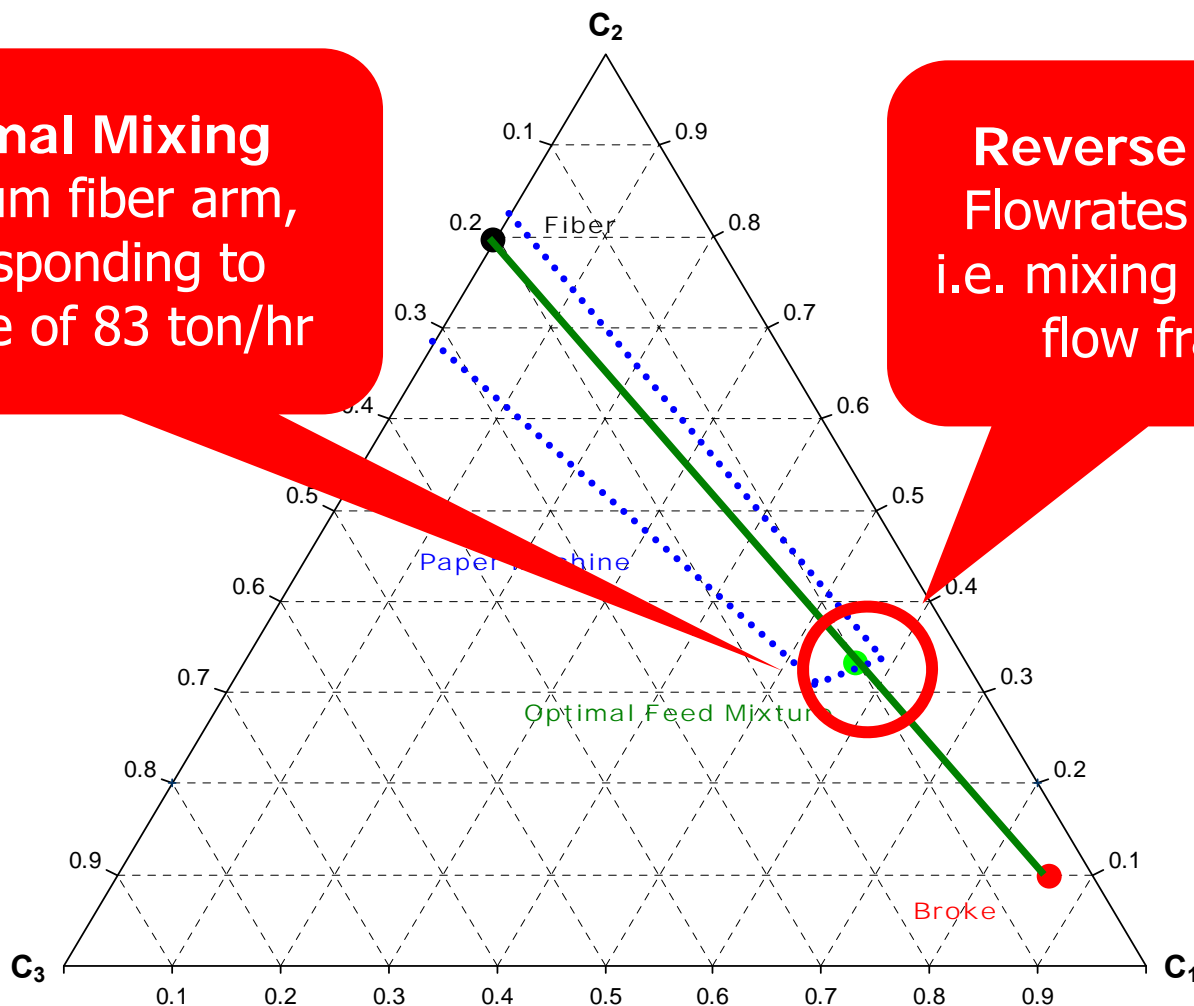


# Papermaking Fiber Recycle 2:3



**Optimal Mixing**  
Minimum fiber arm,  
corresponding to  
flowrate of 83 ton/hr

**Reverse Problem**  
Flowrates unknown,  
i.e. mixing point yields  
flow fractions



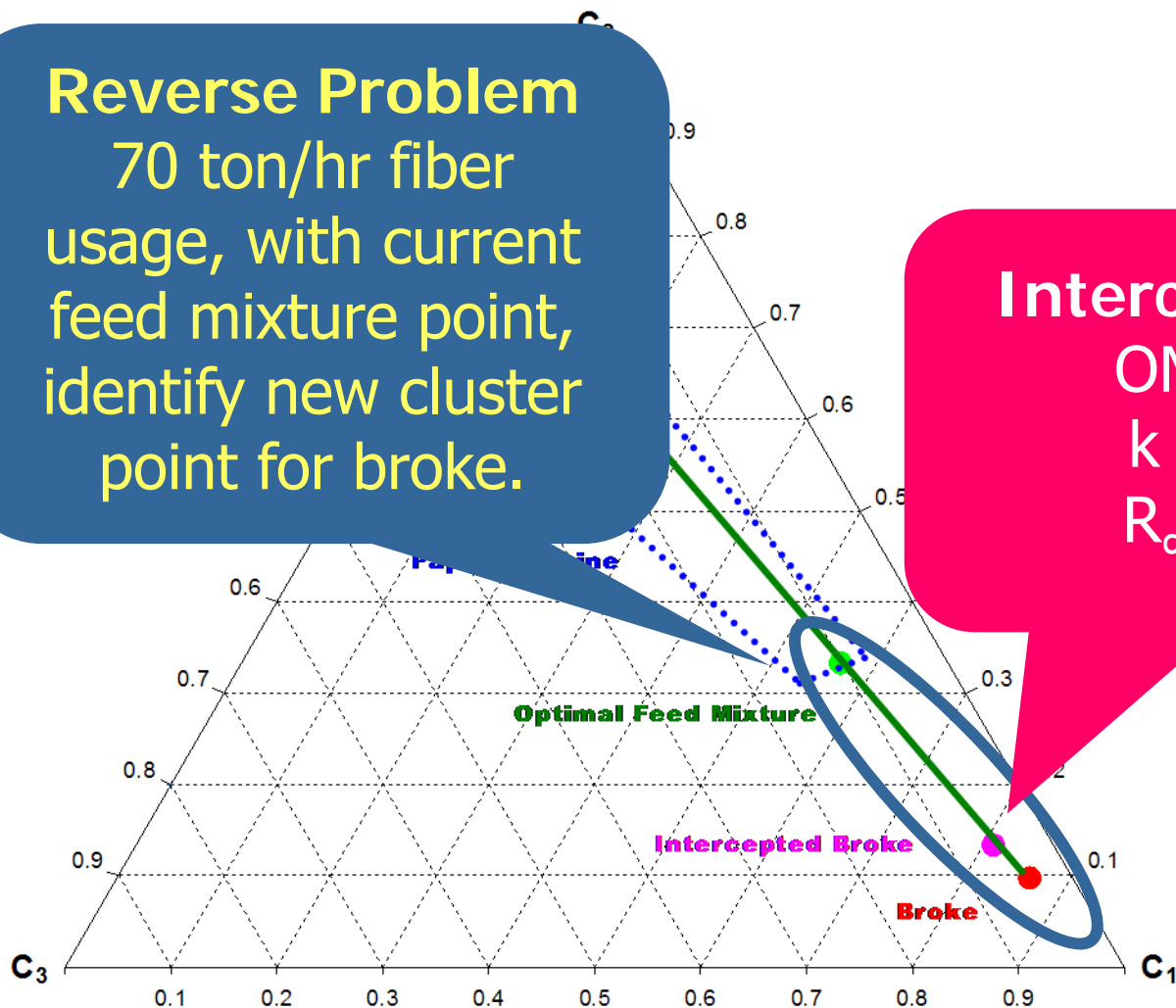


# Papermaking Fiber Recycle 3:3



**Reverse Problem**  
70 ton/hr fiber  
usage, with current  
feed mixture point,  
identify new cluster  
point for broke.

**Intercepted Broke**  
 $OM = 0.067$   
 $k = 0.0011$   
 $R_{\infty} = 0.879$





# Molecular Clusters 1:2



## Process Property Operators

$$\psi_j^P = \sum_{s=1}^{N_s} x_s \cdot P_{js}$$

Linear Expression for  
Mixing 2 Ternary  
Clusters

$$C_{jMIX} = \sum_{s=1}^{N_s} \beta_s \cdot C_{js}$$

## Molecular Property Operators

$$\psi_j^M = \sum_{g=1}^{N_g} n_g \cdot P_{jg}$$

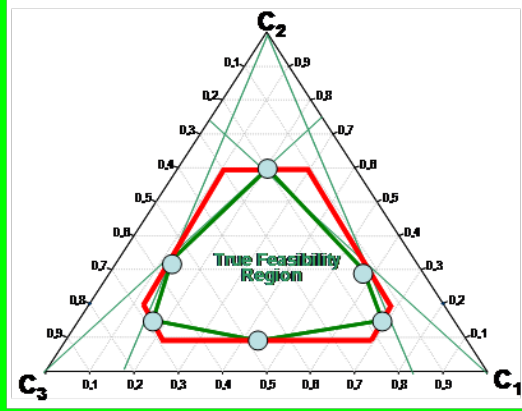
$G_1$  and  $G_2$  are added linearly  
on the ternary diagram. The  
location of  $\beta_1$  corresponds to  
the location of  $G_1$ - $G_2$  molecule

$$\beta_1 = \frac{n_1 \cdot AUP_1}{n_1 \cdot AUP_1 + n_2 \cdot AUP_2}$$

$$\Omega_j = \frac{\psi_j}{\psi_j^{ref}}$$

$$AUP = \sum_{j=1}^{N_j} \Omega_j$$

$$C_j = \frac{\Omega_j}{AUP}$$







# Molecular Clusters 2:2

$\beta_1$ , the visualization arm, corresponds to the location of G1-G2 molecule

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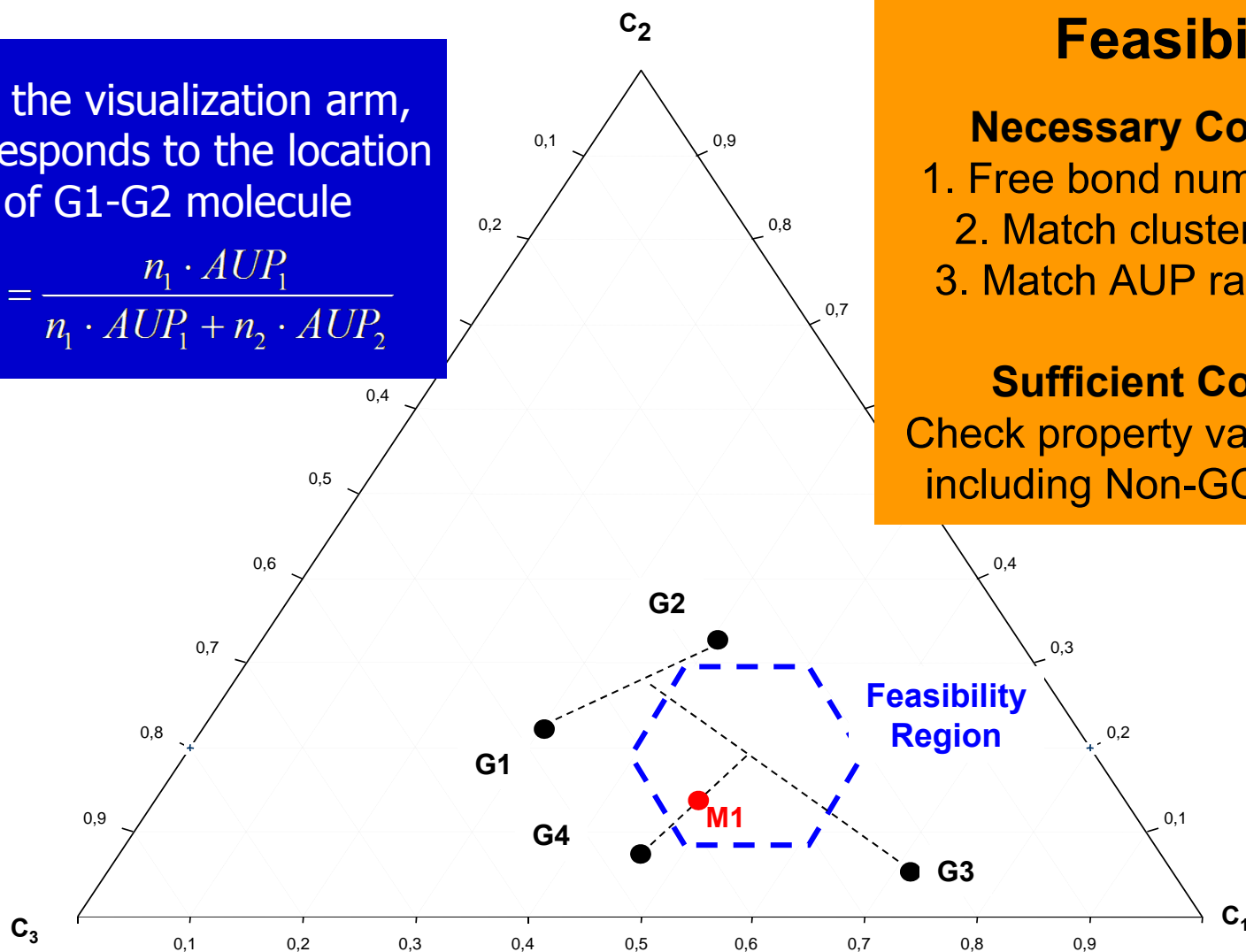
## Feasibility

### Necessary Conditions

1. Free bond number is zero.
2. Match clustering target
3. Match AUP range of sink

### Sufficient Condition

Check property value with sink including Non-GC properties





## Example 2: Molecular Synthesis

- **Blanket Wash Solvent Design**

- Solved as MINLP by Sinha and Achenie (2001)

- **Problem Statement**

- Design blanket wash solvent for phenolic resin printing ink
- Molecules designed from 7 possible groups, with a max. chain length of 7 groups

Property	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Hv (kJ/mol)	20	60
Tb (K)	350	400
Tm (K)	150	250
VP (mmHg)	100	---
R <sub>ij</sub>	0	19.8



# Blanket Wash Solvent 1:7

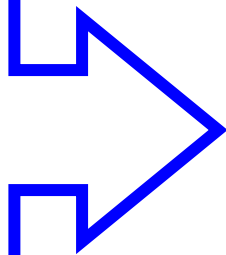
- Visualization limits problem to three properties
- Heat of vaporization, boiling and melting temperatures are used, with vapor pressure and solubility used as final screening properties

## Property Prediction (GCM)

$$\Delta H_v - h_{vo} = \sum_i g_i \cdot h_{vi}$$

$$T_b = t_{bo} \cdot \ln \sum_i g_i \cdot t_{b1_i}$$

$$T_m = t_{mo} \cdot \ln \sum_i g_i \cdot t_{m1_i}$$



## Molecular Property Operators

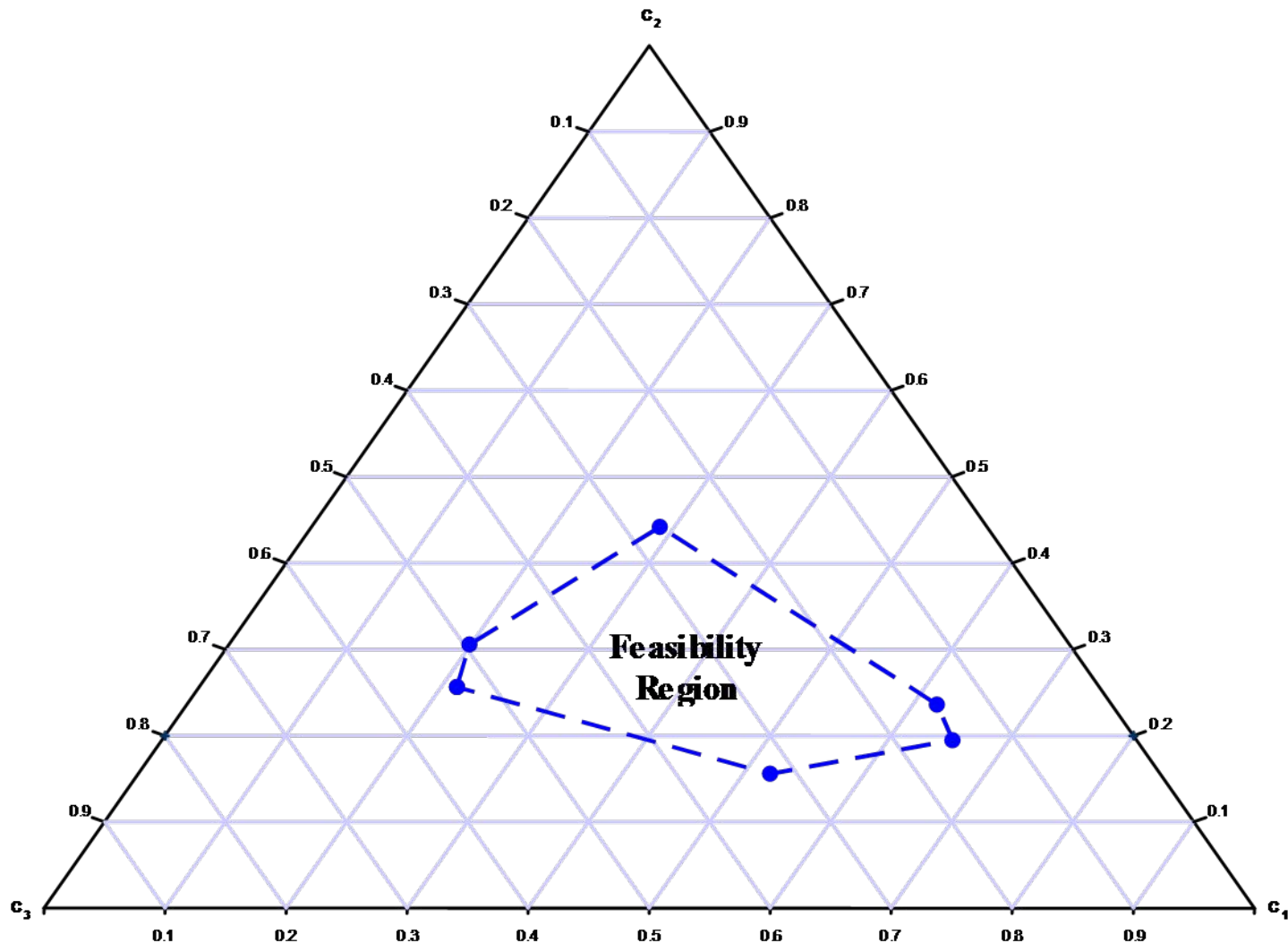
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$$\exp\left(\frac{T_m}{t_{mo}}\right) = \sum_{g=1}^{N_g} n_g \cdot t_{m1} \quad , \psi^{ref} = 7$$



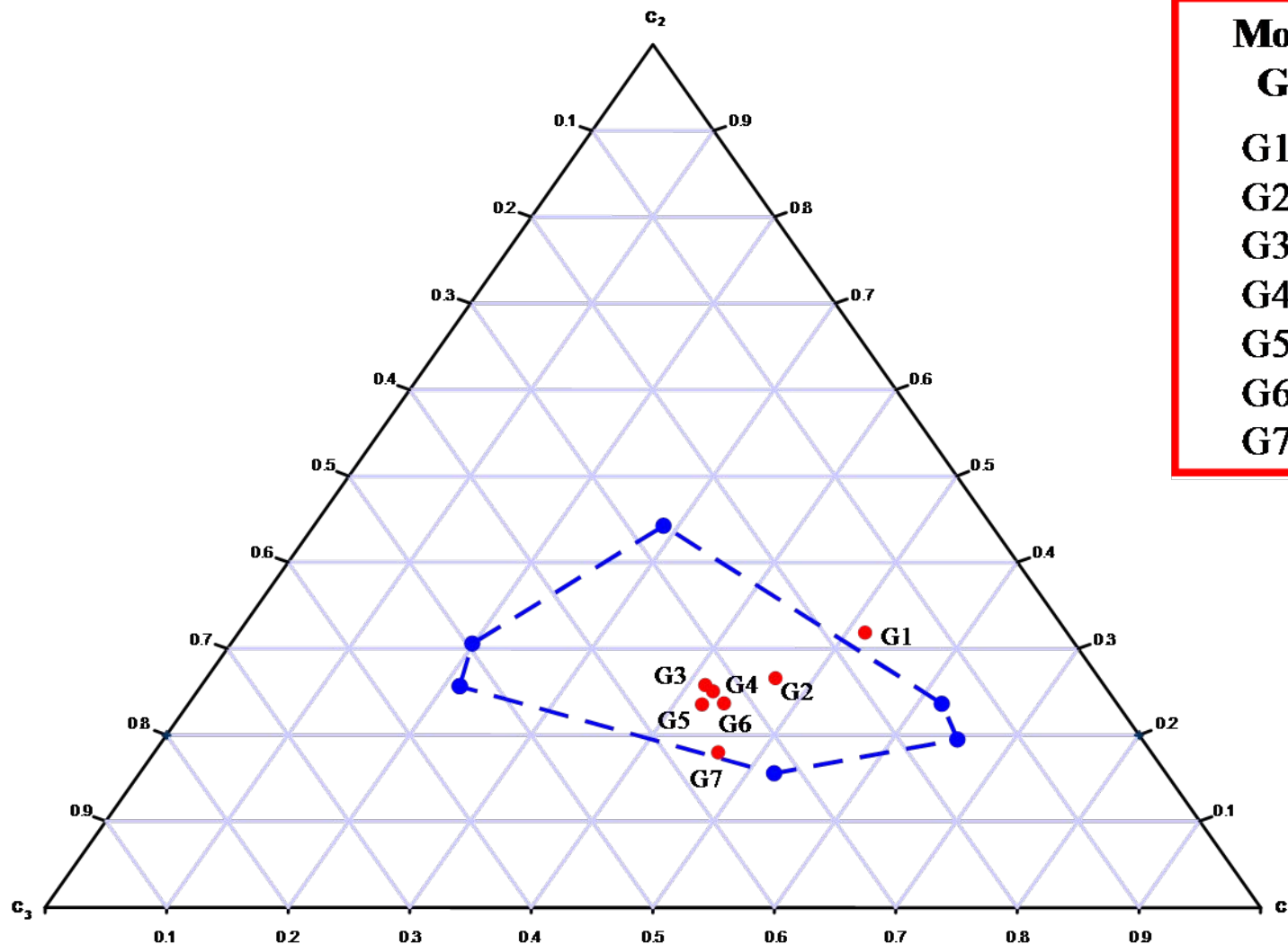
# Blanket Wash Solvent 2:7







# Blanket Wash Solvent 3:7

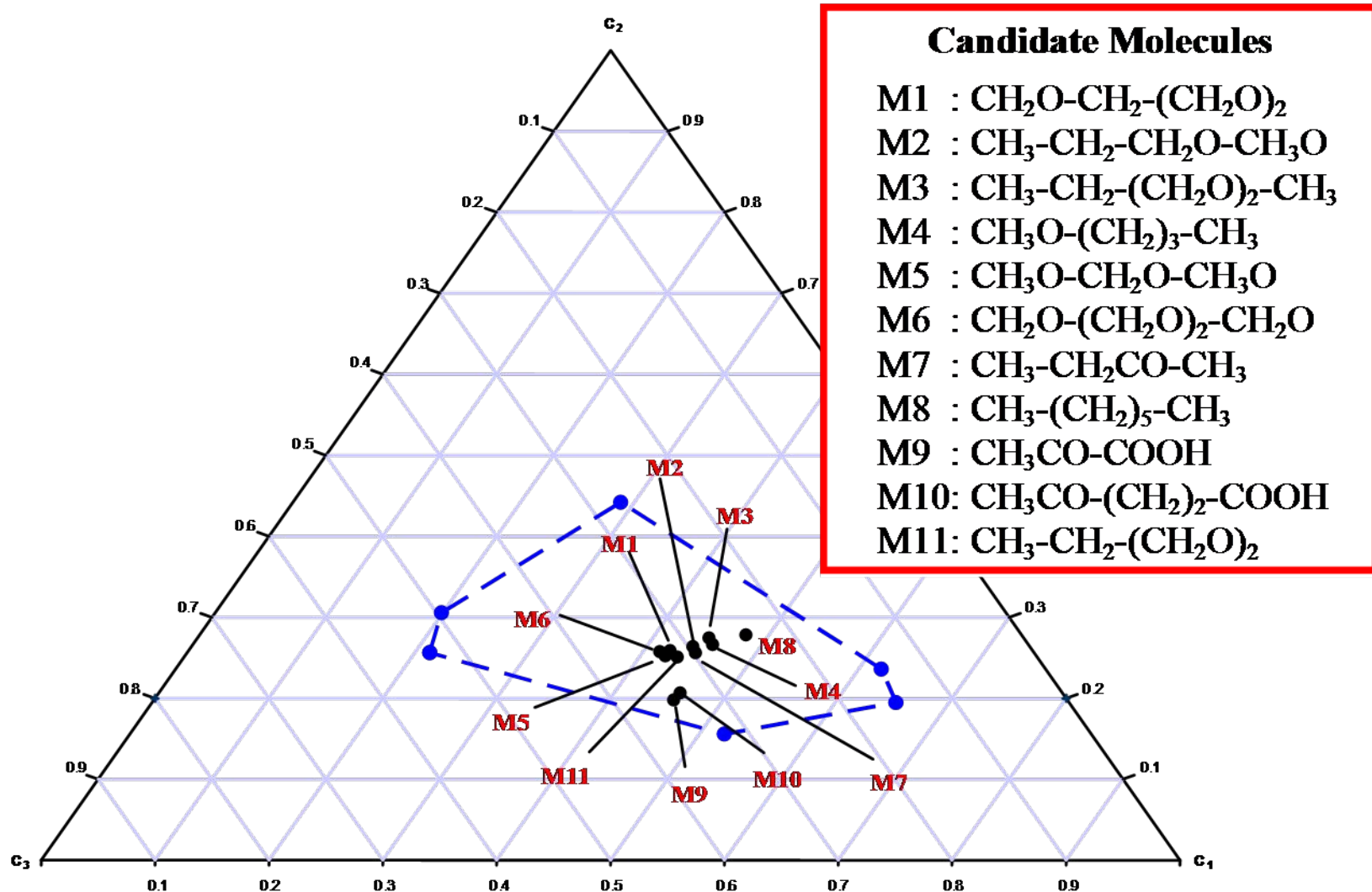


## Molecular Groups

- G1: CH<sub>3</sub>
- G2: CH<sub>2</sub>
- G3: CH<sub>2</sub>O
- G4: CH<sub>3</sub>O
- G5: CH<sub>2</sub>CO
- G6: CH<sub>3</sub>CO
- G7: COOH



# Blanket Wash Solvent 4:7





# Blanket Wash Solvent 5:7

- Feasible formulations from Visual Synthesis

Formulations	AUP	$H_v$ kJ/mol	$T_b$ K	$T_m$ K	VP mmHg	$R^{ij}$ MPa
M1	3.20	33.91	359.14	201.24	1117.85	10.88
M2	3.08	33.99	355.34	189.86	1240.95	15.39
M3	3.10	34.67	364.49	183.38	963.57	12.83
M4	3.17	35.81	363.09	186.26	1001.85	18.09
M5	3.47	36.15	370.61	211.95	811.54	15.82
M6	3.61	36.74	382.51	216.49	578.05	11.31
M7	3.17	35.10	354.80	193.13	1259.28	16.84
M8	3.28	38.31	379.07	175.55	638.03	19.77
<del>M9</del>	<del>6.79</del>	<del>68.87</del>	<del>457.92</del>	<del>286.76</del>	<del>56.69</del>	<del>13.83</del>
<del>M10</del>	<del>7.79</del>	<del>78.17</del>	<del>494.54</del>	<del>297.68</del>	<del>16.55</del>	<del>12.68</del>
<del>M11</del>	<del>7.83</del>	<del>74.75</del>	<del>535.55</del>	<del>292.08</del>	<del>3.86</del>	<del>11.33</del>

- Application of feasibility conditions

- All formulations satisfy the first two necessary conditions
- M9-M11 fail to satisfy the AUP range of the sink



# Blanket Wash Solvent 6:7

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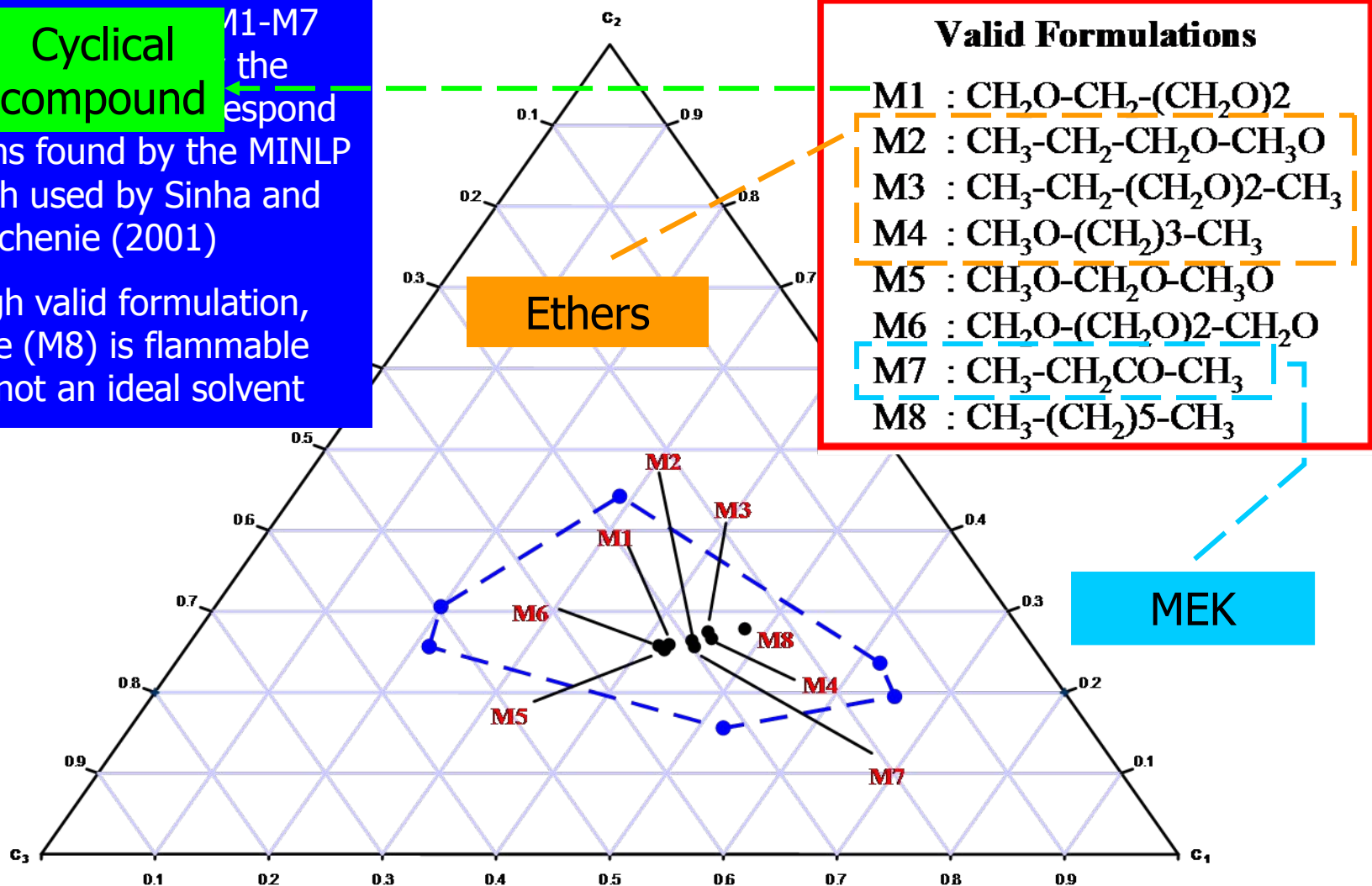
- Application of feasibility conditions

- Checking property values with sink including Non-GC properties (VP, solubility), the sufficient conditions are satisfied for remaining formulations



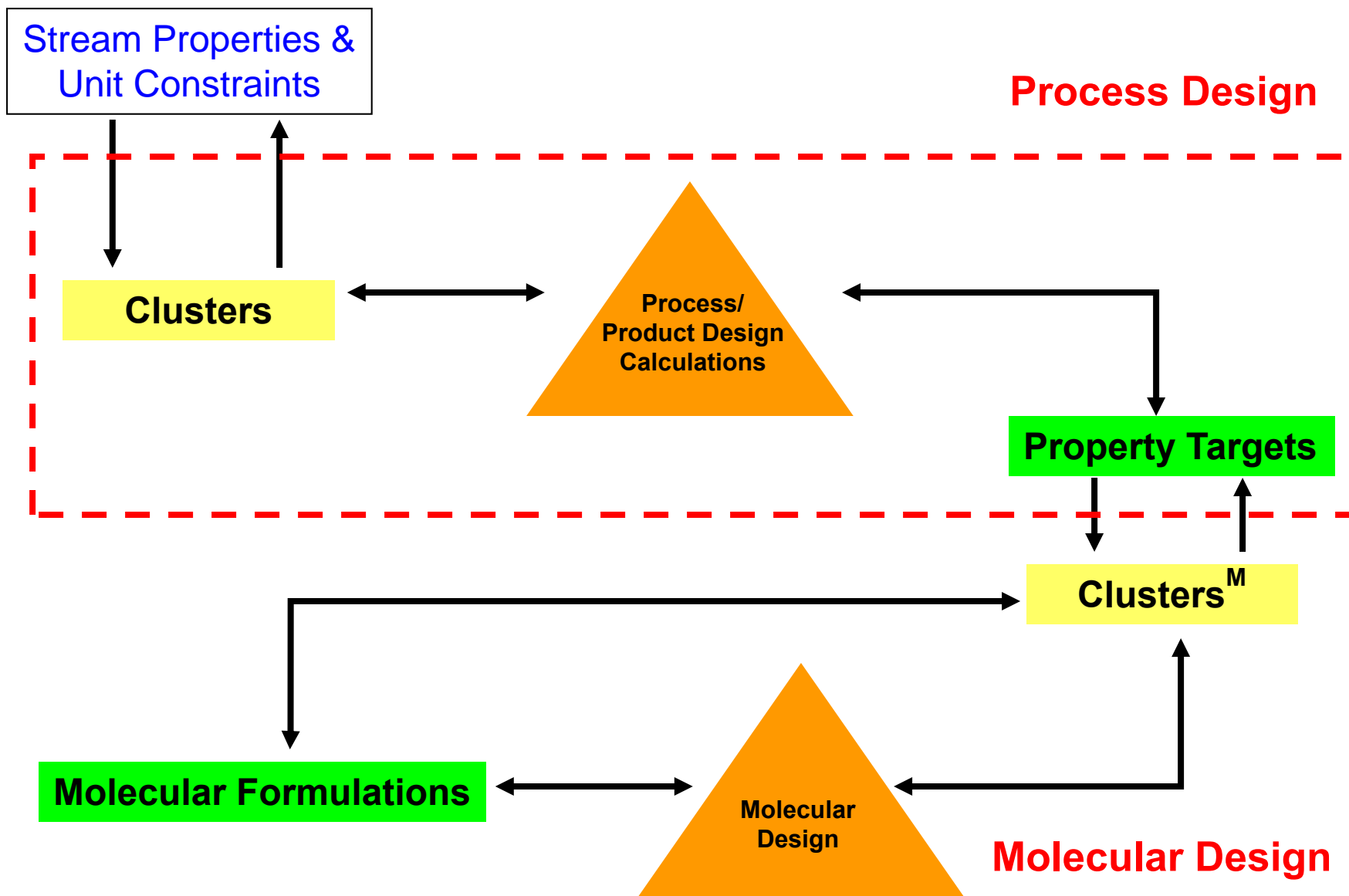
Although valid formulation, heptane (M8) is flammable hence not an ideal solvent

Cyclical  
compound





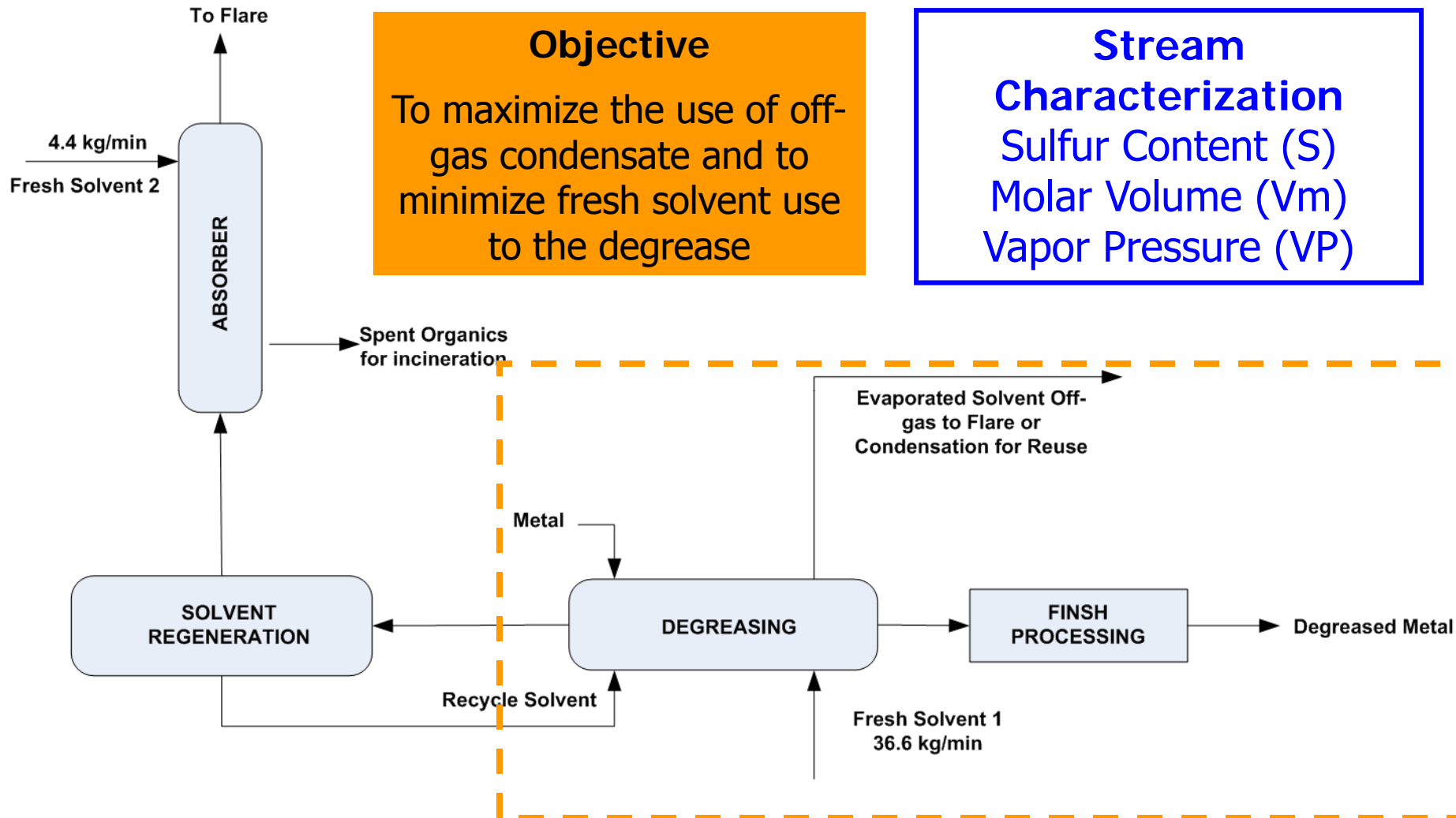
# Integrated Design Approach







# Example 3 – Integrated Design





# Metal Degreasing 1:9

- Degreaser Feed Constraints

Property	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
S (%)	0.00	1.00
$V_m$ (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)	90.09	487.80
VP (mmHg)	1596	3040

- Property Operator Mixing Rules

$$S_M = \sum_{s=1}^{N_s} x_s \cdot S_s \quad , S^{\text{ref}} = 0.5 \text{ wt\%}$$

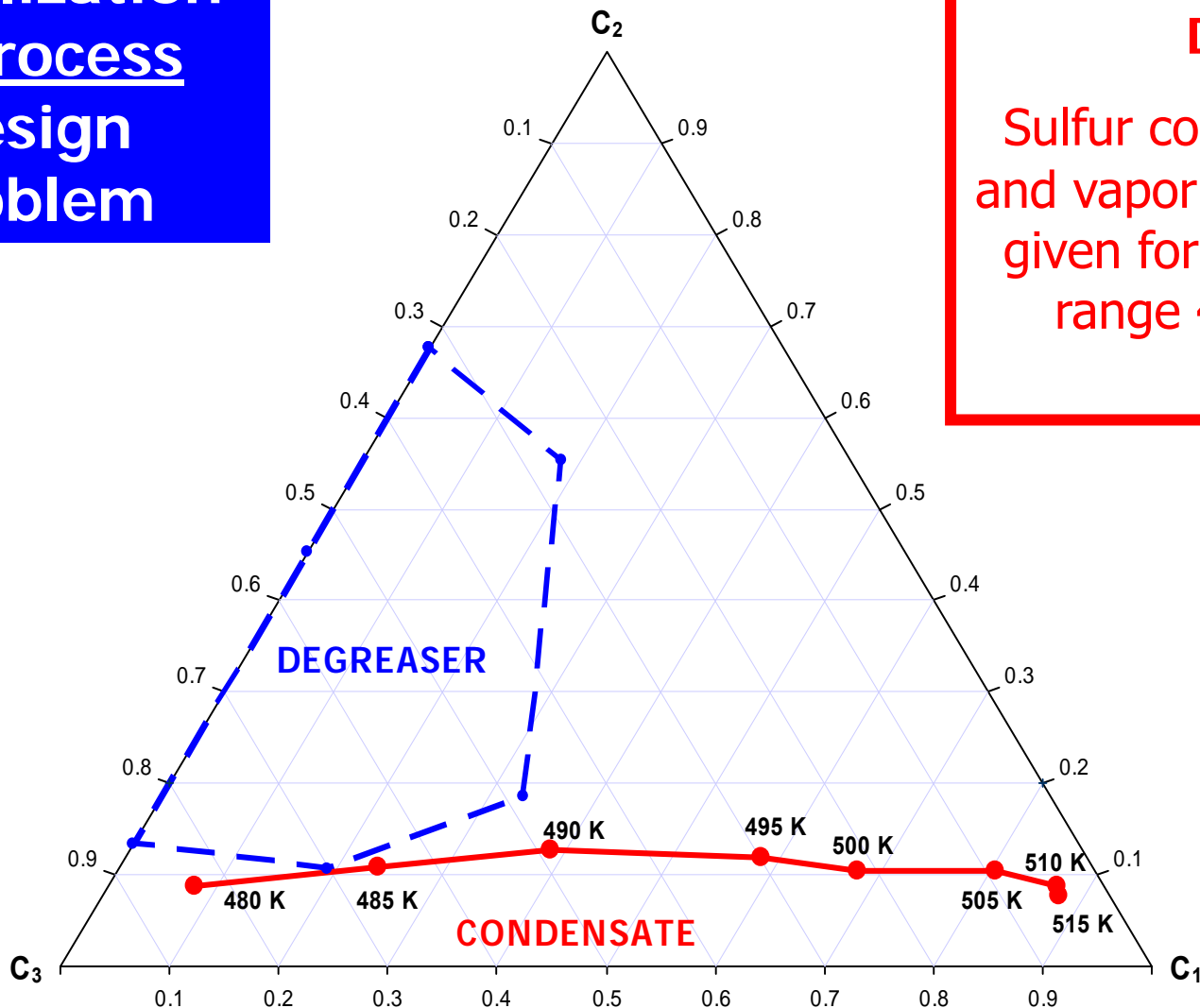
$$V_{m_M} = \sum_{s=1}^{N_s} x_s \cdot V_{m_s} \quad , V_m^{\text{ref}} = 80 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$$

$$VP_M^{1.44} = \sum_{s=1}^{N_s} x_s \cdot VP_s^{1.44} \quad , VP^{\text{ref}} = 760 \text{ mmHg}$$



# Metal Degreasing 2:9

## Visualization of Process Design Problem



## VOC Condensation Data

Sulfur content, density  
and vapor pressure data  
given for temperature  
range 480K-515K



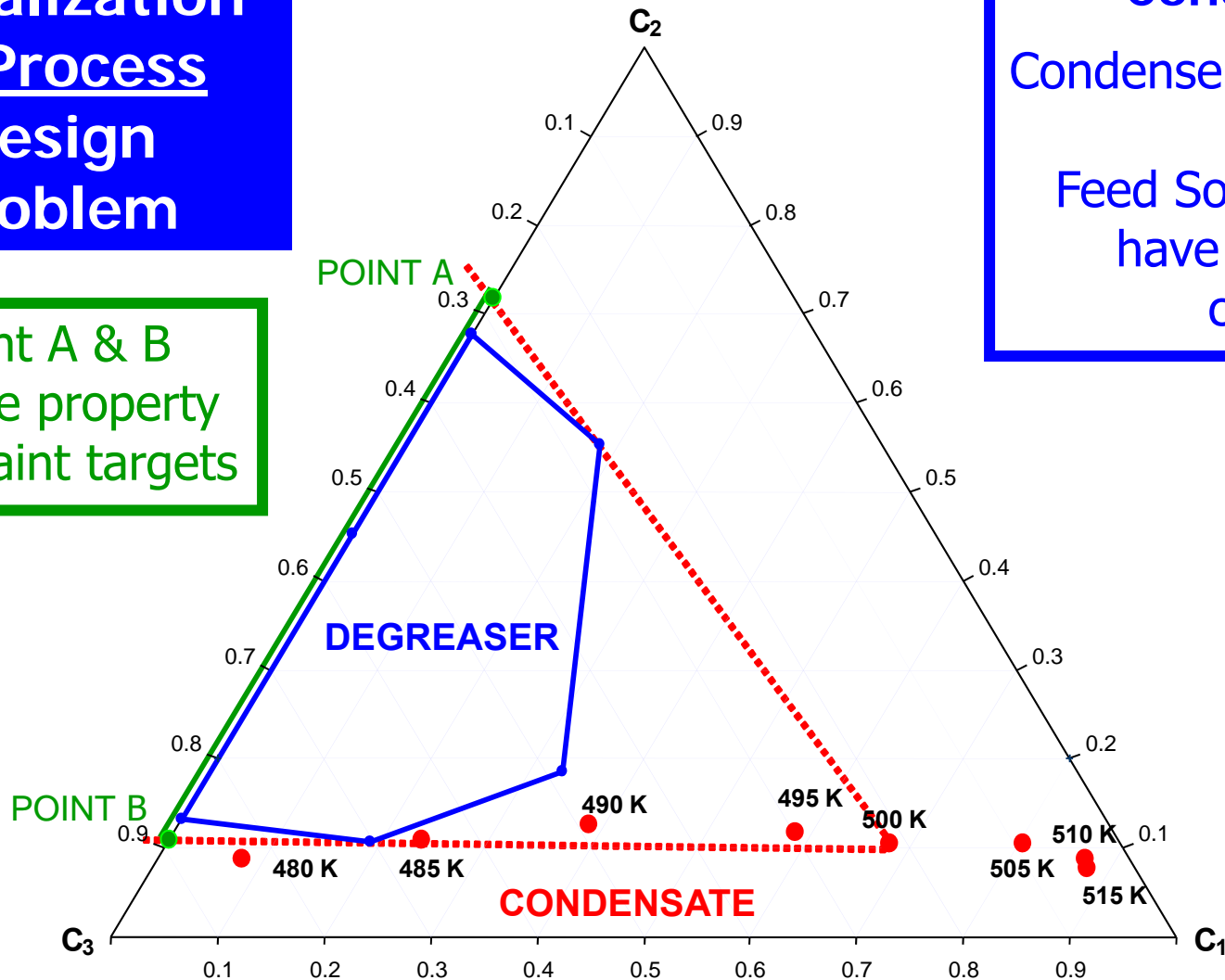
# Metal Degreasing 3:9

## Visualization of Process Design Problem

Point A & B  
dictate property  
constraint targets

### Conditions

Condenser operates @  
500 K  
Feed Solvent must  
have zero sulfur  
content





# Metal Degreasing 4:9



Process

Product

Property Targets

Values from Process  
Design Visual Solution

S (%)	V <sub>m</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)	VP (mmHg)
0	102.09	1825.37
0	720.75	3878.66

Molecular Property  
Clusters

Molecular Property  
Constraints

Property<sup>M</sup> Cluster  
Framework

Molecular Property  
Constraints

H <sub>v</sub> (kJ/mol)	V <sub>m</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)	VP (mmHg)
50	102.09	1825.37
100	720.75	3878.66



# Metal Degreasing 5:9



## Property Prediction (GCM)

## Molecular Property Operators

$$\Delta H_v = h_{vo} + \sum_i n_i \cdot h_{v1_i}$$

$$V_m = d + \sum_i n_i \cdot v_{1_i}$$

$$T_{bp} = t_{bo} \cdot \ln \sum_i n_i \cdot t_{b1}$$

$$\log_{10} VP = 5.58 - 2.7 \left( \frac{T_{bp}}{T} \right)^{1.7}$$

Non-GC Property

$$\Delta H_v - h_{vo} = \sum_{g=1}^{N_g} n_g \cdot h_{v1_g}, \psi^{ref} = 20$$

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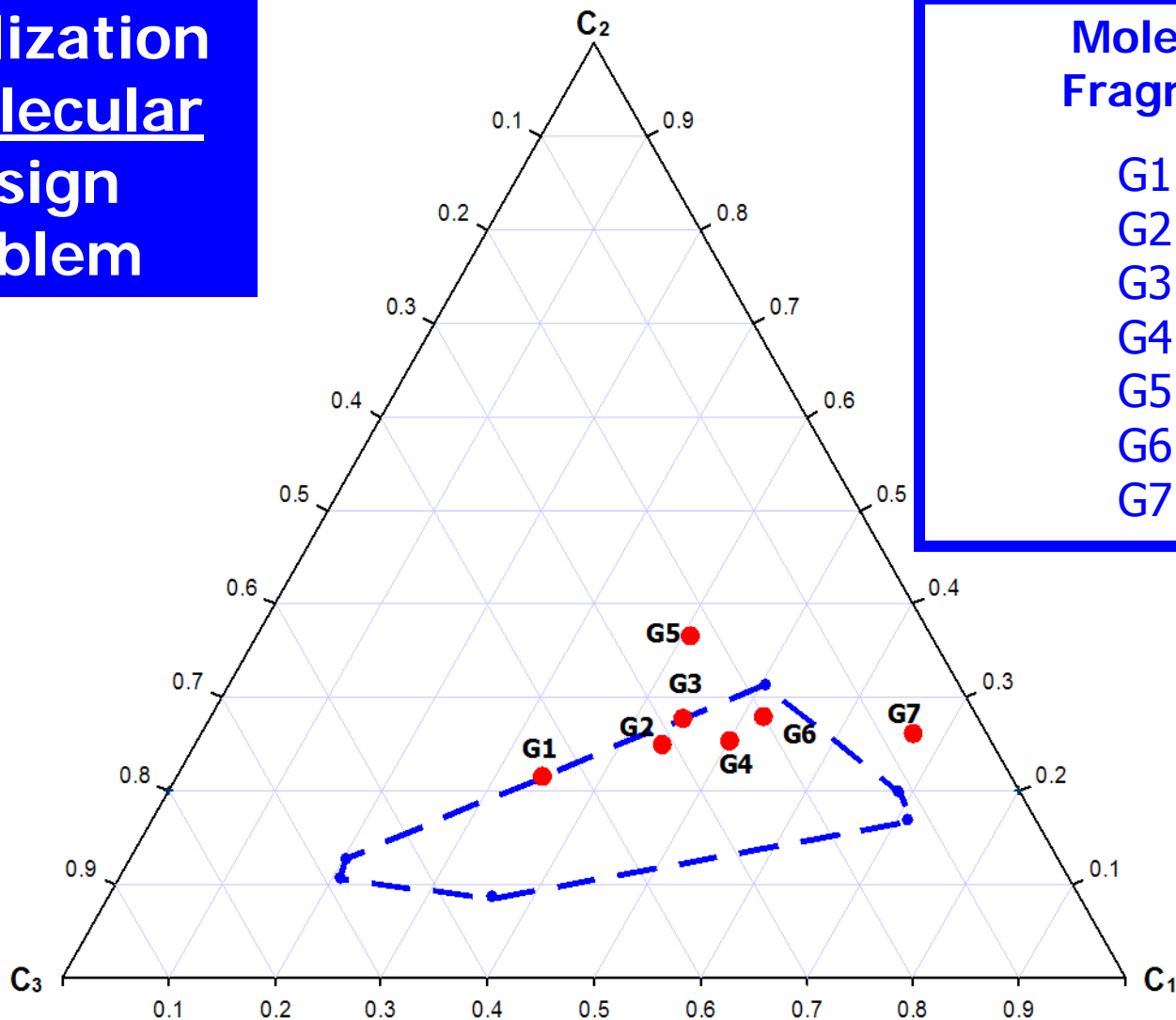
$$\exp\left(\frac{T_{bo}}{t_{bo}}\right) = \sum_{g=1}^{N_g} n_g \cdot t_{b1_g}, \psi^{ref} = 7$$





# Metal Degreasing 6:9

## Visualization of Molecular Design Problem



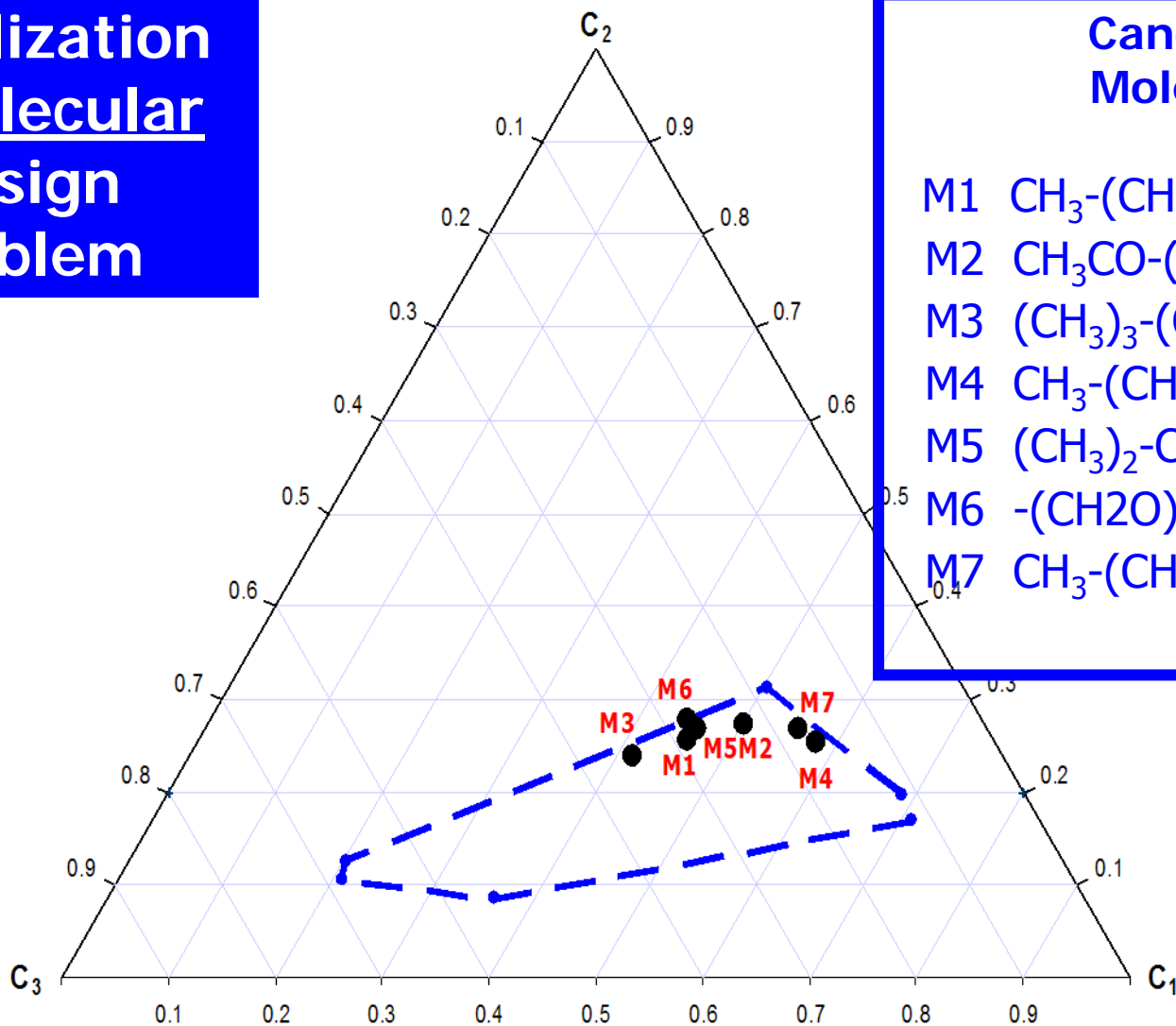
## Molecular Fragments

G1:  $\text{CH}_3$   
G2:  $\text{CH}_2$   
G3:  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$   
G4:  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}$   
G5:  $\text{CH}_3\text{N}$   
G6:  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$   
G7:  $\text{COOH}$



# Metal Degreasing 7:9

## Visualization of Molecular Design Problem



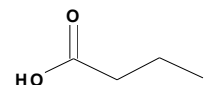
## Candidate Molecules

- M1  $\text{CH}_3-(\text{CH}_2)_5-\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$
- M2  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$
- M3  $(\text{CH}_3)_3-(\text{CH}_2)_5-\text{CH}_2\text{N}$
- M4  $\text{CH}_3-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{COOH}$
- M5  $(\text{CH}_3)_2-\text{CH}_3\text{CO}-\text{CCL}$
- M6  $-(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_5-$  ring
- M7  $\text{CH}_3-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{CH}_3\text{N}-\text{COOH}$

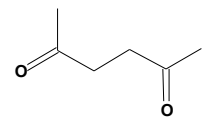


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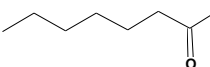
## • Formulations from Visual Design



butanoic acid  
(M1)



2,5-hexadione  
(M2)



2-octanone (M4)

Formulation	AUP	Tb (K)	Hv (kJ/mol)	Vm (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)	VP (mmHg)
M1	5.06	450.58	53.19	156.85	2078.98
M2	4.71	448.54	54.13	118.03	2163.90
<del>M3</del>	<del>5.11</del>	<del>437.29</del>	<del>49.95</del>	<del>189.41</del>	<del>2692.07</del>
M4	4.86	438.97	63.29	93.39	2606.12
<del>M5</del>	<del>4.02</del>	<del>413.20</del>	<del>43.88</del>	<del>121.14</del>	<del>4241.48</del>
<del>M6</del>	<del>4.10</del>	<del>428.11</del>	<del>44.22</del>	<del>127.66</del>	<del>3208.12</del>
<del>M7</del>	<del>5.71</del>	<del>485.01</del>	<del>70.24</del>	<del>112.52</del>	<del>1037.99</del>

## • Application of Feasibility Conditions

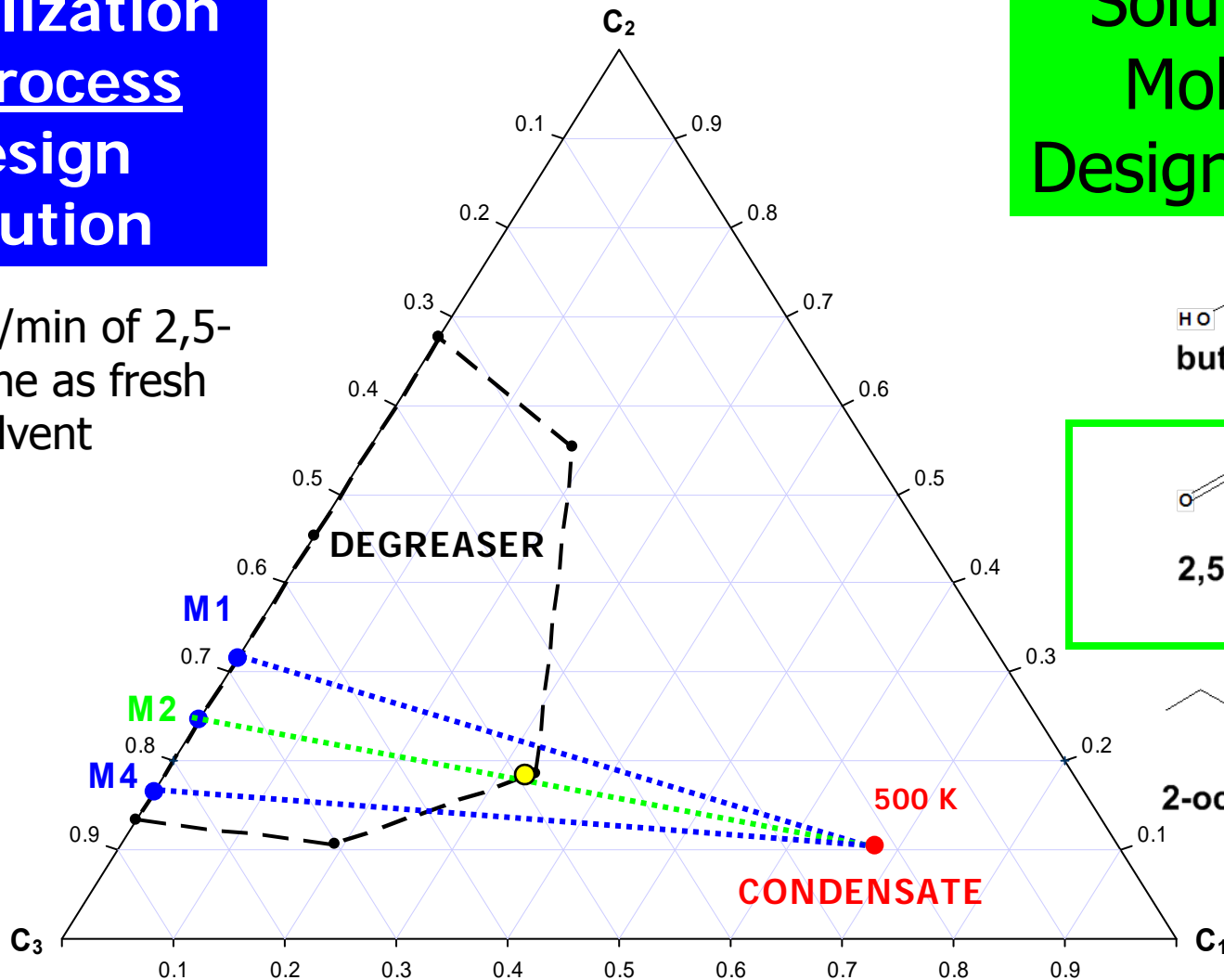
- All formulations satisfy first two necessary conditions
- M5 and M6 fail to satisfy sink AUP range
- M3 and M7 did not match Non-GC property value
- M1, M2 and M4 are valid solvent candidates



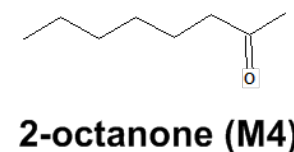
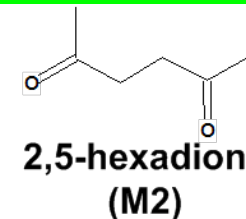
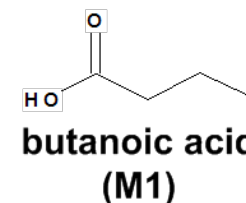
# Metal Degreasing 9:9

## Visualization of Process Design Solution

19.36 kg/min of 2,5-hexadione as fresh solvent



## Solutions to Molecular Design Problem



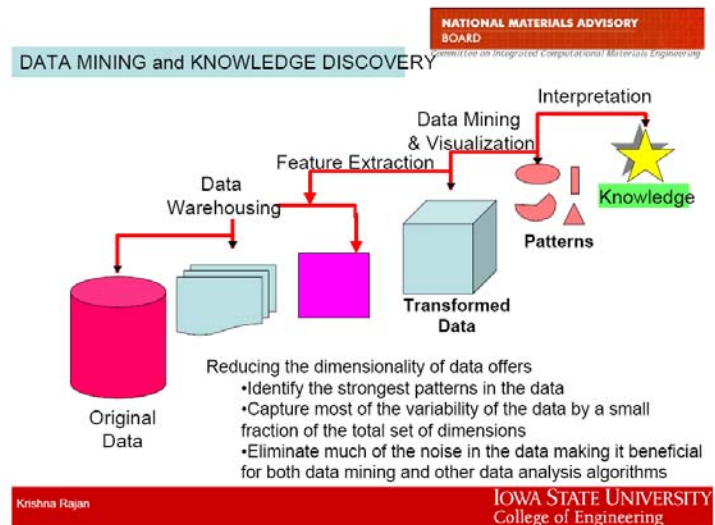
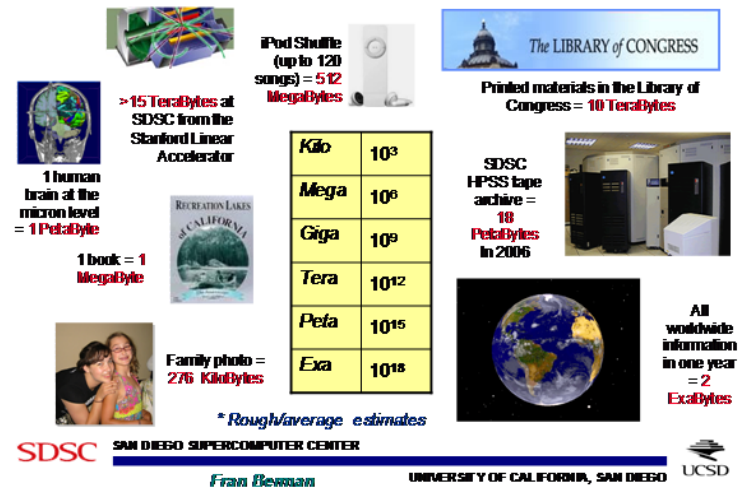


# Product Design Challenges

National Research Council,  
Committee on Integrated Computational  
Materials Engineering (2008)

- Strategy Execution
  - “The power of 21<sup>st</sup> century computing is making it possible to predict certain structures and properties from fundamental principles”
  - “One of the important lessons learned...is the profound importance of experimental results to calibrate and validate computational methods and fill gaps in theoretical understanding...best practiced with complimentary experimental and theoretical approaches”
  - “The properties of materials are controlled by a multitude of separate and often competing mechanisms that operate over a wide range of length and time scales...the linkage of various methods remains a great challenge”

## How much Data is there?\*







# Product Design Challenges



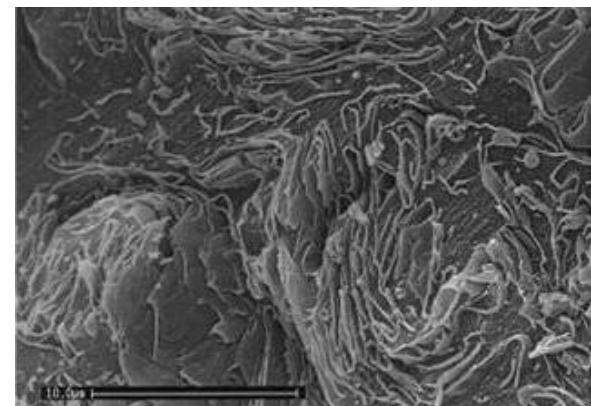
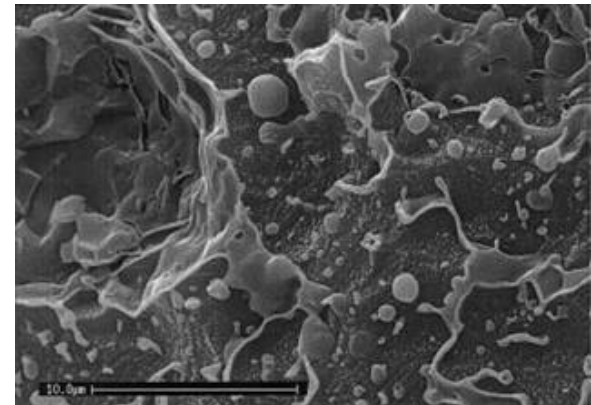
## Product Design,

Michael Hill

M Hill & Associates, Inc (2005)

- **Way Forward**
  - Two paths: (1) “Systematic reduction of the number of alternatives through [heuristics](#)” and (2) “[optimization](#) of the set of all potential alternatives through mathematical programming”
  - “[Requisite properties will be performance attributes](#) rather than fundamental physico-chemical, or bio-chemical properties”
  - “[New property estimation techniques](#) will need to be identified and proven...since formulated products are often multi-phase structured products”
  - [Methodology will](#) “not eliminate the need for product experimentation in the laboratory, but [serve to guide and focus product experimentation](#)”

Cryo-SEM micrographs of a lamellar-structured hair conditioner manufactured under low deformation rates (top) and high deformation rates (bottom) (Edwards, 1998).



Source: M. Hill, “Product and Process Design for Structured Products”, AIChE Journal, Vol. 50, No. 8





# Product Design Challenges

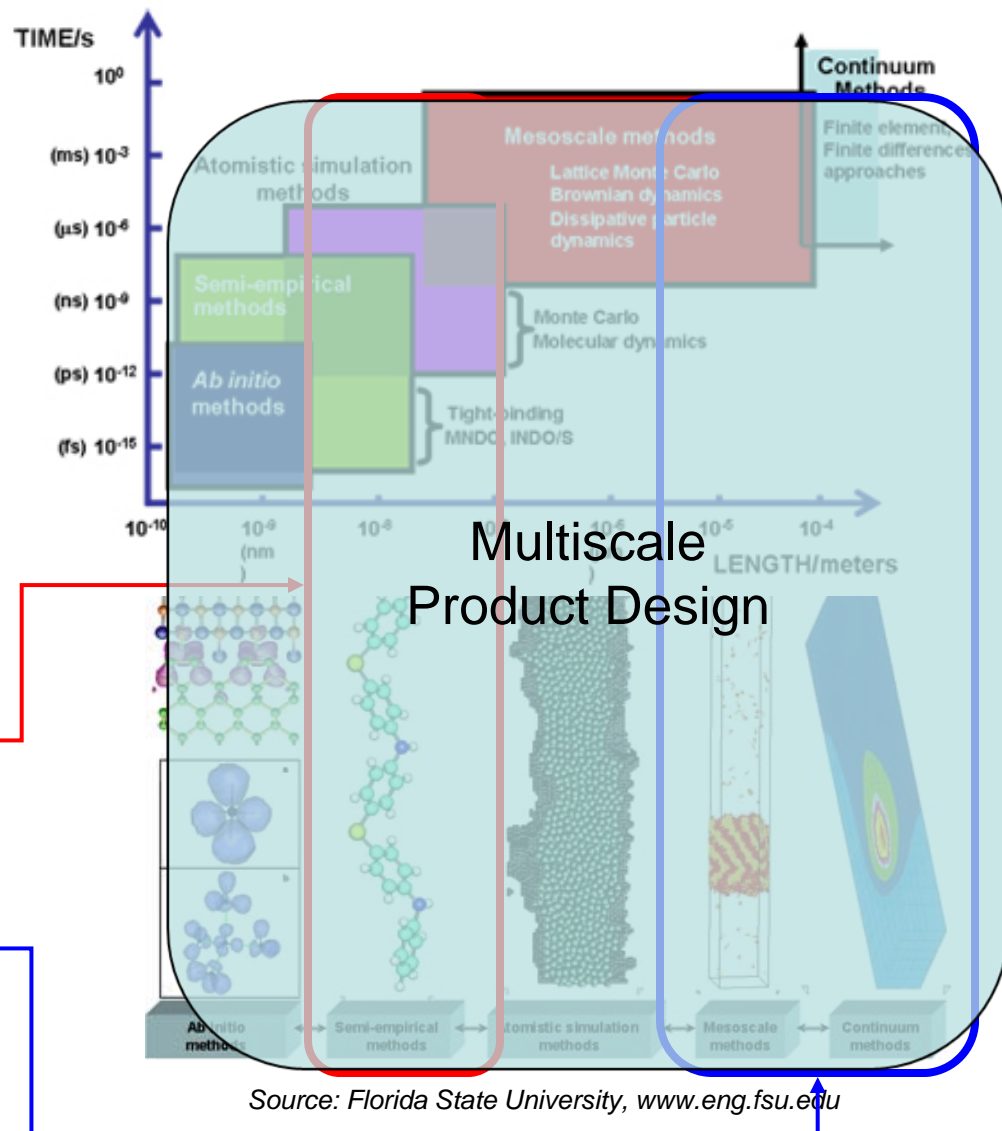


- **Multiscale Systems**

- Integration of various product and process relationships so as to ensure complete solutions and global optimums
- Utilize reverse problem formulations to generate multiple match solutions

Molecular Design  
(Group Contribution)

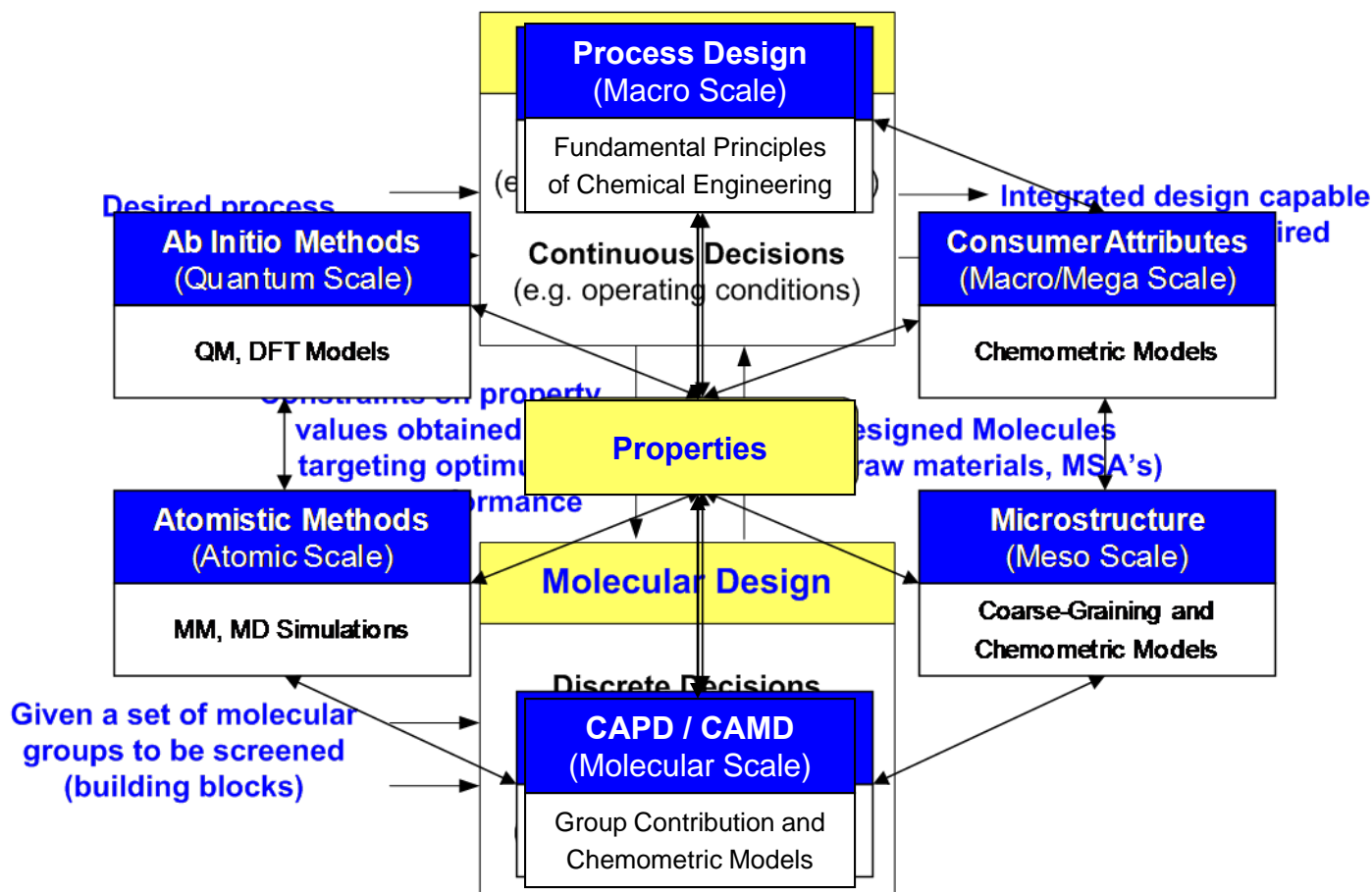
Process Design  
(Fundamental Principles)





# Motivations and Challenges

## Simultaneous Matching of All Scales?





# Motivations and Challenges

- Research Focus

- Linkage of “Complimentary Experimental and Theoretical Approaches”

- Chemometric Inference Models

Path 1

- Mixture Design of Experiments (MDOE)
      - Decomposition Techniques (PCA)
      - Stochastic Simulations (Monte Carlo)

- Semi-Empirical Models

Path 2

- Higher Order Group Contribution
      - Connectivity Indices
      - Molecular Graph Theory



# Methods

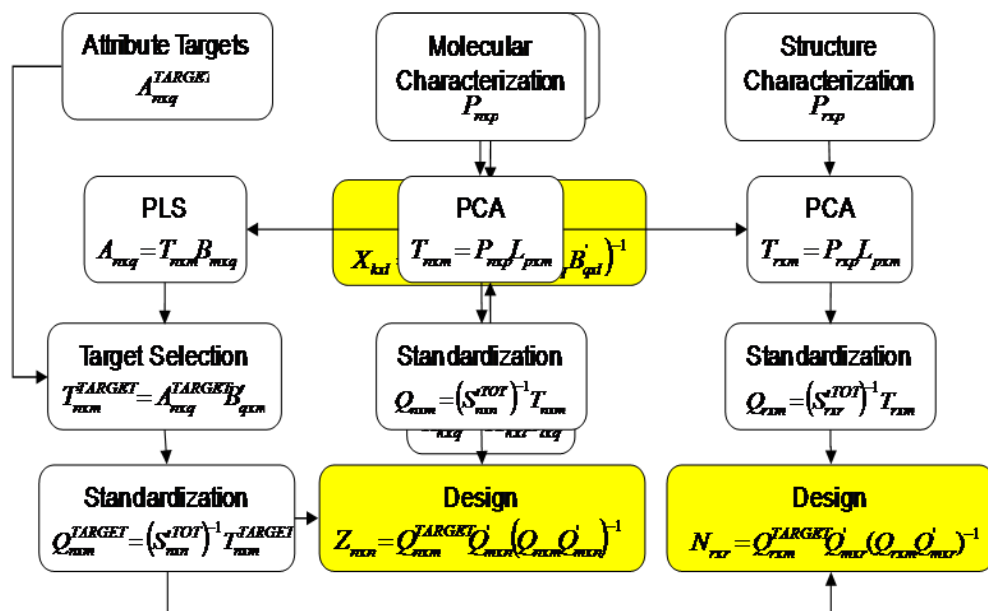
## • Objective

- Use a reverse problem formulation in the appropriate linearized subspace

## • Method Development

- Method includes
  1. Development of a centralized framework
  2. Development of an algorithm that chooses the appropriate properties to bridge the length scales
  3. Use of a property clustering algorithm to load descriptions into the framework and visualize the solution

### Semi-Empirical Method





# Methods



- Empirical Method

- Utilizes direct Attribute-Component relationship
- Limited to selection of components only; each new molecule requires additional experimentation
- Limited to linear correlations for global optimization
- Subject to combinatorial explosion when developing model parameters

- Semi-Empirical Method

- Utilizes both an Attribute-Property relationship and a Property-Component relationship
- Enumerates all candidate molecules using molecular design techniques based on group-based indices
- Uses linear or nonlinear correlations of attributes for global optimization
- Less subjective to combinatorial explosion when developing model parameters

In addition, both methods also utilize Property Clustering and Chemometric Techniques





# Chemometric Inference Models

- **Chemometrics**

- “Chemometrics is the science of relating measurements made on a system or process to the state of the system or process via application of mathematical or statistical methods” – *The International Chemometrics Society (ICS)*
- “There are techniques for collecting good data (optimization of experimental parameters, design of experiments, calibration, signal processing) and for getting information from these data (statistics, pattern recognition, modeling, structure-property-relationship estimations)” – *Wikipedia*

- **Focus**

- Design of Experiments (MDOE, etc.)
- Characterization Techniques (Spectroscopy, etc.)
- Decomposition Techniques (PCR, etc.)





# Mixture Design

## What is Mixture Design?

Experimentation

Interpretation /

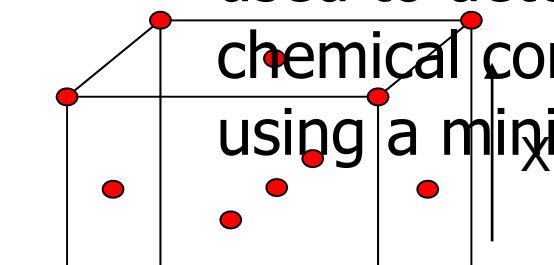
Prediction

- Mixture Design is a Design of Experiments (DOE) tool used to determine the optimum combination of chemical constituents that deliver a desired response using a minimum number of experiments

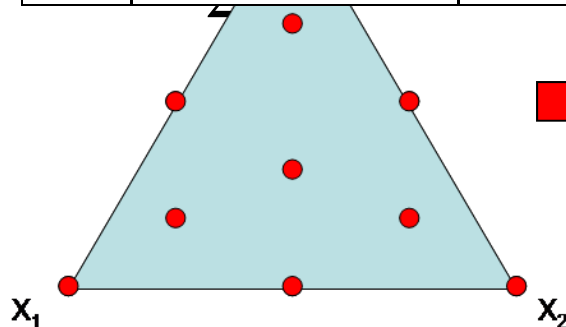
$$Y = f(X)$$

Model Selection

Polynomial



Trial	X <sub>1</sub>	X <sub>2</sub>	X <sub>3</sub>	$\hat{y}$
1	0.68	0.16	0.16	15.2
2	0.16	0.68	0.16	12.2
3	0.16	0.16	0.68	15.2
4	0.33	0.33	0.33	14.6



$$\hat{y} = b_0 + \sum_{i=1}^q b_i x_i + \dots + \epsilon$$

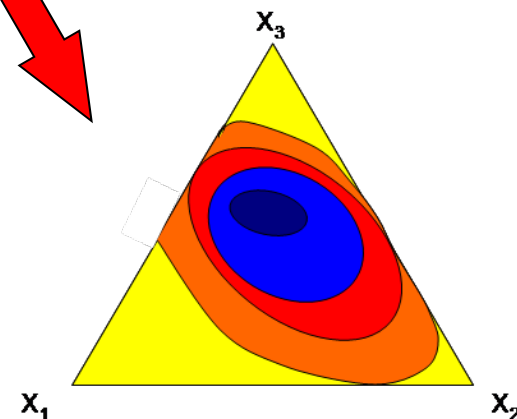
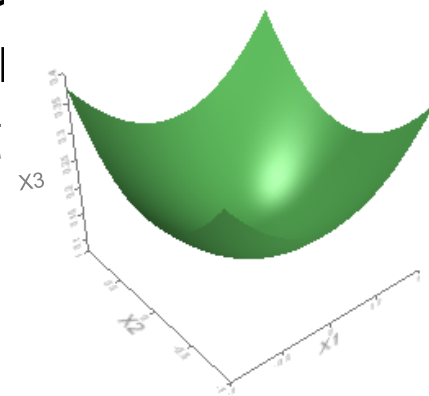
$$Y = BX$$

$$B = X'Y(X'X)^{-1}$$

Canonical

$$\hat{y} = \sum_{i=1}^q b_i^* x_i + \dots + \epsilon$$

$$Y = B^* X$$

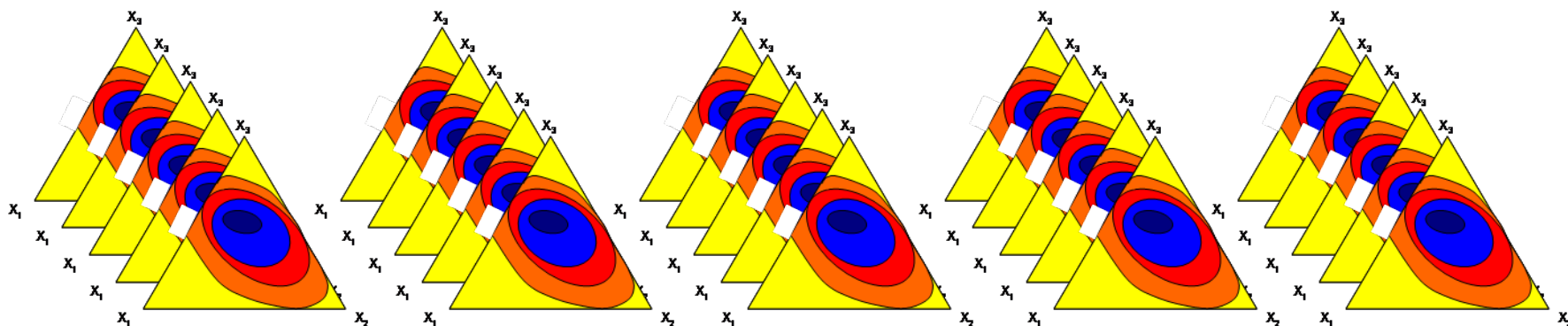




# MDOE Challenges

- **Mixture Design Limitations**

- Suffers from combinatorial problems
  - 7 components = 25 independent ternary plots per property
- Evaluation of multiple effects is difficult

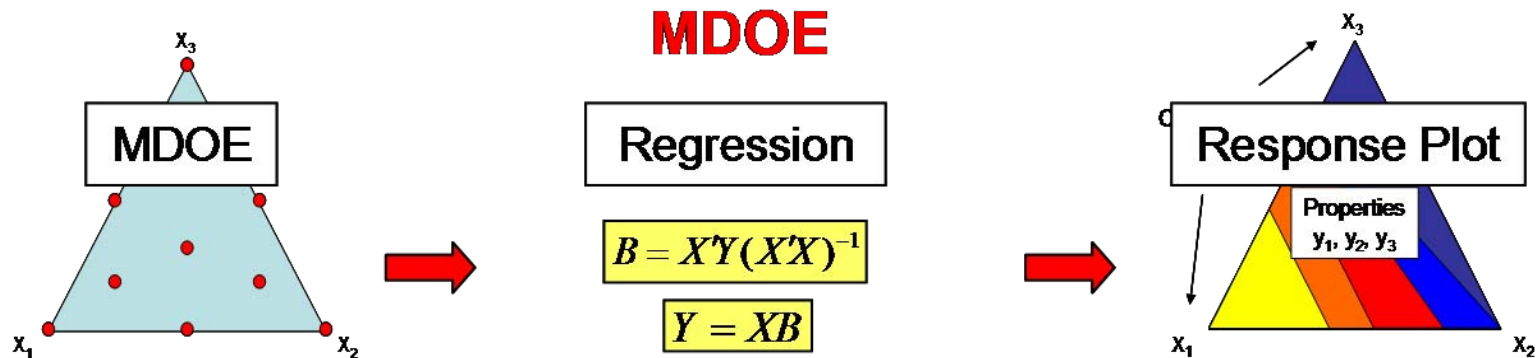


- **New method of visualizing mixture designs**

- Must handle combinatorial intensive problems
- Must be easy to visualize
- Must be universal in its application

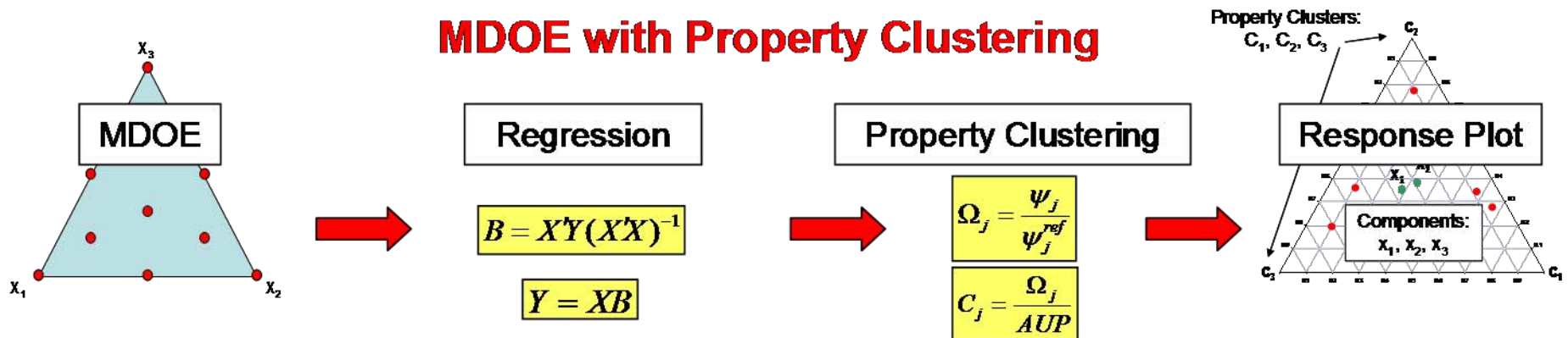


# MDOE Using Property Clusters



Conventional MDOE: 7 Components & 3 Properties = 75 plots

Property Clustering MDOE: 7 Components & 3 Properties = 1 plot

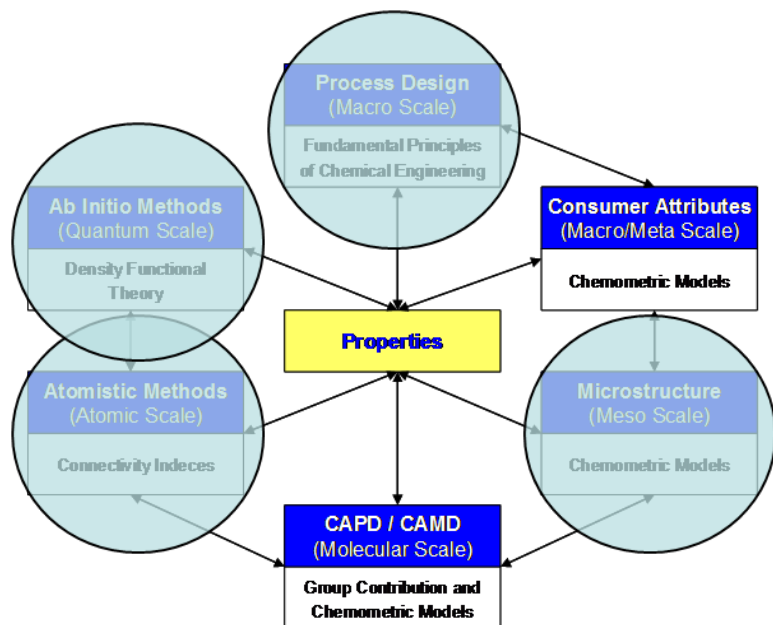




# Example 4: Mixture Design

- **Polymer Blend Study**

- Optimization of a polymer blend of spun yarn for use in rope for modern racing sailboats



- **Objective**

- Optimize a ternary or smaller polymer blend to deliver the specified product attributes of high strength, low stretch, and high floatability



# Polymer Blend Design 1:2

- **Attribute – Property Relationship**
  1. Strength – Knot Strength of Yarn (Cornell, 2002)
  2. Stretch – Thread Elongation (Cornell, 2002)
  3. Floatability – Specific Volume (Eden et. al, 2003)
- **Property Targets – Feasibility Range**

Property	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Thread Elongation (kgf)	12.0	16.0
Knot Strength (lbf)	12.0	12.5
Specific Volume (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	1.063	1.111

- **Polymer Candidates**
  1. LDPE
  2. Polystyrene
  3. Polypropylene
  4. Nylon 6,6

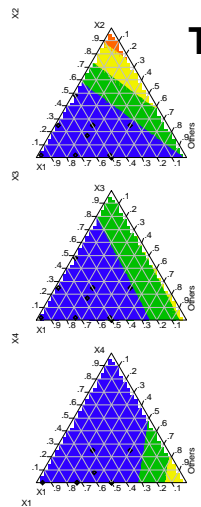




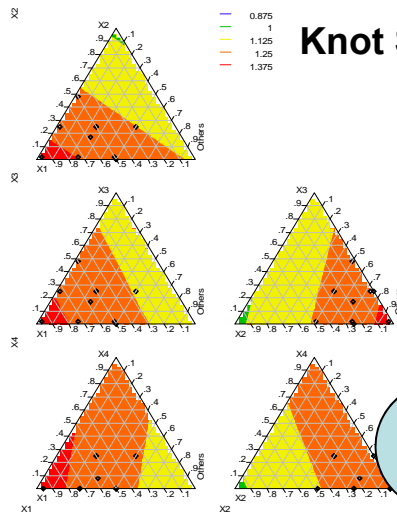
# Polymer Blend Design 2:2

## MDOE

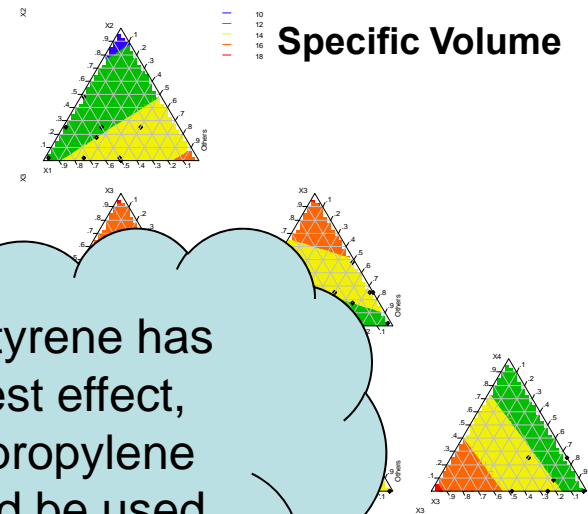
Thread Elongation



Knot Strength

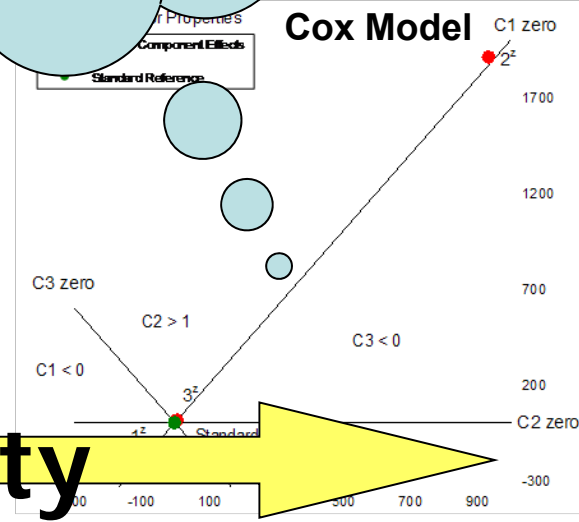
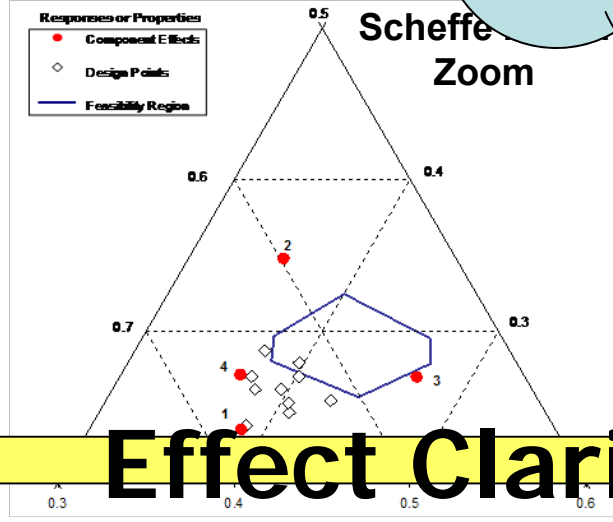
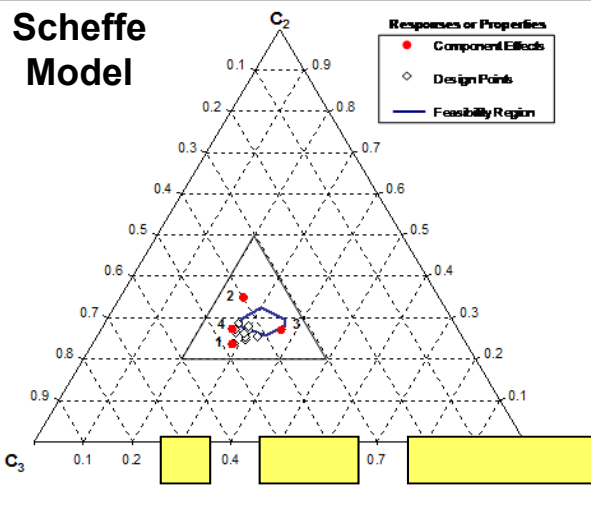


Specific Volume



Polystyrene has largest effect, Polypropylene should be used as filler

## MDOE with Proper



Effect Clarity





# Case Study: Excipient Design

- Acetaminophen Tablet Design
  - “Optimization of poorly compactable drug tablets manufactured by direct compression using mixture experimental design” – Martinello *et al.*, 2006



- Objective:
  - Determine if a ternary or smaller mixture can deliver a directly compressible compact of acetaminophen



# Case Study: Excipient Design



- Powder Properties

- Angle of Repose (RA)
- Compressibility (C)
- Water Content (W)

Property	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
RA (deg)	0.0	30.0
C (%)	0.0	32.0
W (wt.%)	1.5	3.0

- Candidates

Excipient	Industry Name	Function
1	Microcel 102	Filler-Binder
2	Kollidon VA 64	Binder
3	Flowlac	Filler-Binder
4	Kollidon CL 30	Disintegrant
5	PEG 4000	Glidant-Lubricant
6	Aerosil 200 Pharma	Glidant-Lubricant
7	Magnesium Stearate	Lubricant

$$RA_M = \sum_{s=1}^{Ns} x_s \cdot b_s^*(RA_s)$$

$$C_M = \sum_{s=1}^{Ns} x_s \cdot b_s^*(C_s)$$

$$W_M = \sum_{s=1}^{Ns} x_s \cdot b_s^*(W_s)$$



# Case Study: Excipient Design

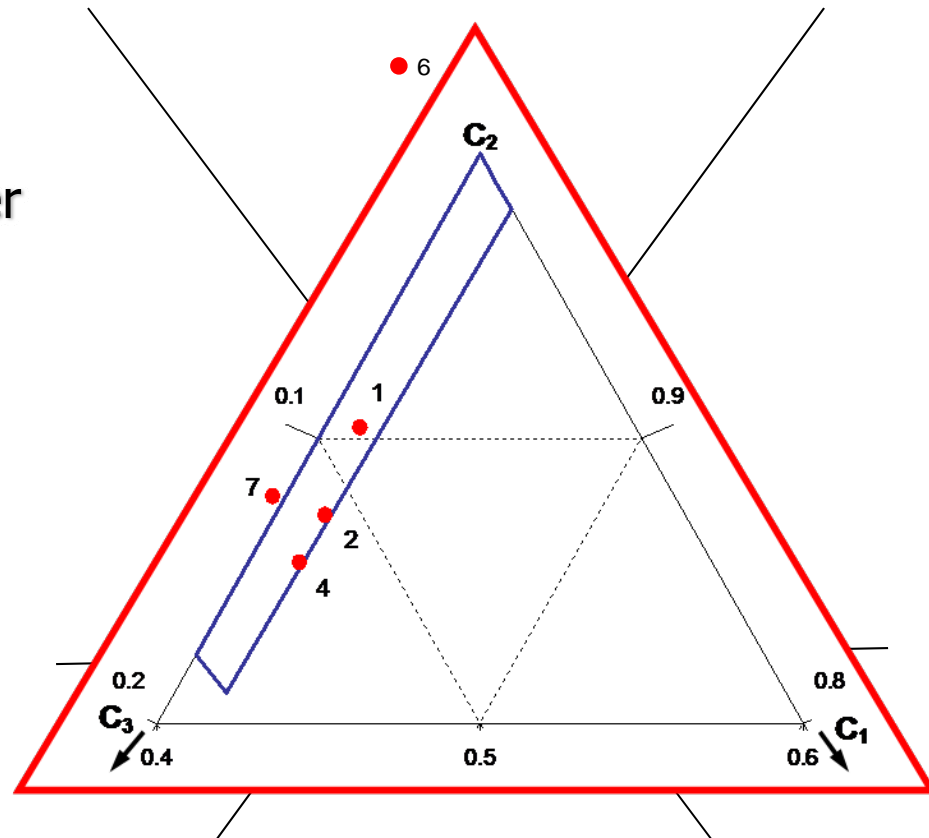


## Constraint Check

- Distance to real cluster space indicative of STRONG effect
- All formulations meet all powder and tablet constraints independently

### Possible Formulations

2-6	2-4-6
4-6	2-5-6
1-2-6	2-7-6
1-3-6	3-4-6
1-4-6	4-5-6
1-5-6	4-7-6
2-3-6	





# Attribute-Component Conclusions

- Attribute-Component Conclusions
  - Handles combinatorial explosion
  - Representation of combined effects of each component
  - Requires the use of negative cluster space handled by constraint  $AUP > 0$
- Challenges
  - What about “new” molecules?
  - How to deal with secondary colinearity or nonlinearity?
  - What about “principal” properties?

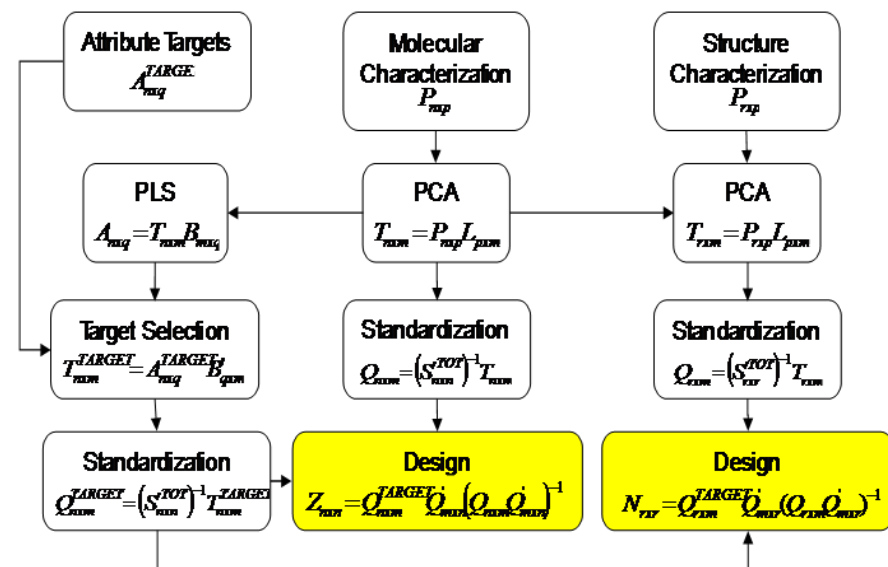
One Answer: Use Subspace Mapping w/ Latent Variable Models



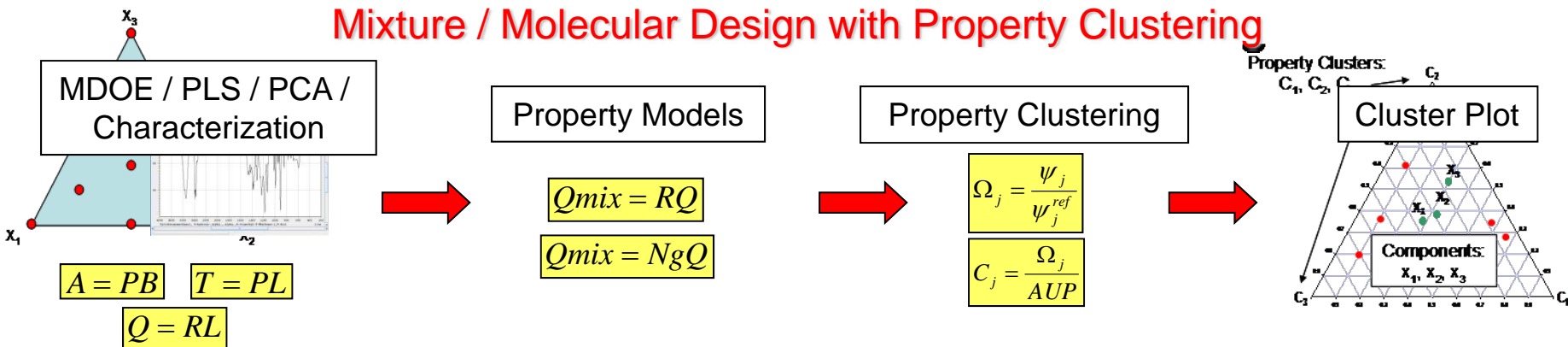
# Chemometrics

## • Principal Property Method

- DOE/PLS used to determine attribute-property relationship
- PCA to find principal properties
- Linearized principal property-component relationships are used to determine structure
- Molecular design via a modified group contribution



## Mixture / Molecular Design with Property Clustering





# Summary

- **Property Clusters**

- Provide a framework to solve property driven processes without any commitment to components.
- Unified framework for simultaneous solution of process & molecular design problems.
- Enables visualization and reduces problem dimensionality.
- Maps attribute data down to subspace with orthogonal linear functions, thus ensuring global optimums and complete candidate sets are found





# Future Directions



- **Property Clusters**

- Expand property description options through molecular signature and characterization techniques
- Integrate topological indices with group contribution based flowsheet design
- Include microstructure information via crystallinity algorithms, both deterministic and stochastic
- Analyze the proper information pathways through ontology, network component analysis, and other algorithms



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